

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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RESOLUTION: C10**

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SUBJECT:	Amendment to Principles Regarding Quality, Affordable, Health Care for All in The United States: Coverage, Access, and Delivery
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS AMSA has long stood for healthcare with comprehensive coverage and access for all persons living in the
2 United States, and;

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4 WHEREAS “The direct primary care model gives family physicians a meaningful alternative to fee-for-service insurance
5 billing, typically by charging patients a monthly, quarterly, or annual fee that covers all or most primary care services
6 including clinical, laboratory, and consultative services, and care coordination and comprehensive care management,1”
7 and;

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9 WHEREAS “Direct primary care benefits patients by providing substantial savings and a greater degree of access to, and
10 time with, physicians,1” and;

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12 WHEREAS “The Direct Primary Care model is structured to emphasize and prioritize the intrinsic power of the
13 relationship between a patient and his/her family physician to improve health outcomes and lower overall health care
14 costs. The Direct Primary Care ... structure can enable physicians to spend more time with their patients, both in face-to-
15 face visits, and through telephonic or electronic communications mediums should they choose, since they are not bound
16 by insurance reimbursement restrictions.” [1]
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18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles on Quality, Affordable, Health Care for All in The United States:
19 Coverage, Access, and Delivery (p.28-30) be AMENDED to state:

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21 6. In regard to health care delivery,

- 22 e. **SUPPORTS Direct Primary Care as a model of providing affordable, high quality, patient-centered primary**
23 **care.**
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26 FISCAL NOTE: None

[1] American Academy of Family Physicians. Direct Primary Care. Accessed at <http://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/direct-primary.html>