

RESOLUTION #3

Introduced by: Burlington County Medical Society

Subject: Medicare Hospital Stay; Long Term Care/Rehabilitation

Referred to: Reference Committee

1 Whereas, existing rules of the Centers for Medicare and Medical Services (CMS) require a 3-
2 day hospital stay before beneficiaries may access Medicare coverage for 21 days of subacute
3 rehabilitation, and/or long term care in an appropriate facility, and
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5 Whereas, these rules can contradict a strategy for reduction in length of stay in hospitals,
6 reducing costs of care, and assigning patients to level of care commensurate with their health
7 status, and
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9 Whereas, Medicare beneficiaries sometimes are discharged to home under suboptimal
10 conditions, with lack of support for activities of daily living, or are forced to incur large
11 personal expense for care in a long-term care facility/sub-acute rehabilitation facility, now
12 therefore be it
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14 RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) through the AMA delegation
15 petition the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), other regulatory bodies, or
16 US Congress to reduce or eliminate the hospital stay requirement for sub-acute
17 rehabilitation/skilled or long-term care Medicare benefits.