

### **NHMS Resolution in Support of a Simplified Public Payer System**

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Medical Society expresses its support for universal access to comprehensive, affordable, high-quality health care through a simplified payer system in which public funds, collected through taxes, are used to pay directly for services to meet basic healthcare needs, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Medical Society will support such a simplified payer system provided it meets these core criteria and principles:

- a) Promotes universal, equitable coverage for all U.S. residents;
- b) Provides comprehensive and high-quality coverage for all medically necessary or appropriate services;
- c) Prioritizes affordability for all;
- d) Reimburses physicians and health care practitioners in amounts that are sufficient, fair, predictable, transparent and sustainable;
- e) Allows for collective participation by physicians and other practitioners in negotiating rates and program policies;
- f) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on clinicians;
- g) Creates a legal environment that fosters high quality patient care and relieves clinicians from practicing defensive medicine; and
- h) Is funded through a publicly financed system.

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