

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 605

(A-09)

Introduced by: Illinois Delegation

Subject: Removing the Word "Provider" in Reference to Physicians

Referred to: Reference Committee F

(David C. Fleeger, MD, Chair)

1 Whereas, Physician status becomes eroded when addressed by the word "provider"; and

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Whereas, The word "provider" conveys subservience, lack of independence, lack of authority, lack of decision making, lack of specialized knowledge, lack of separation from other ancillary personnel, lack of respect for the MD degree, servant status; therefore be it RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association consider the generic terms "health care providers" or "providers" as inadequate to describe the extensive education and qualifications of physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches (New HOD Policy); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA institute an editorial policy prohibiting the use of the term "provider" in lieu of "physician" or other health professionals for all AMA journals and publications. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.

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