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Health Care System Efficiency

WHEREAS CLUB 20 recognizes the importance of a competitive health care marketplace and the value of maximizing efficiency of the health care system for the benefit of consumers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20

- Supports efforts like the Kauvar Plan* to more effectively manage high-cost services (*The Kauvar Plan proposes that medical procedures should be prioritized on the basis of medical effectiveness and that insurance coverage should apply relative to the effectiveness of such each procedure – more effective procedures yield more insurance coverage.),
- Believes that claim forms and administrative procedures should be standardized and simplified,
- Believes that conflicts of interest arising in the context of medical decisions or other health care delivery decisions should be eliminated and/or properly disclosed,
- Supports a competitive marketplace for payers and health care providers in order to foster cost and price consciousness,
- Believes that current information regarding cost, quality and appropriateness of health care services must be accurate and readily available to payers of health care (employers, insurers, and patients) in order that they may verify fair and reasonable charges and ensure that those charges reflect actual costs,
- Believes areas of excess capacity in the system should be reallocated to areas of insufficient capacity in order to provide equitable health services for all, and
- Believes that health insurance industry underwriting practices should encourage and reward risk management, not risk avoidance.
- Supports efforts to expand the use of telemedicine as a means to increase the availability of and quality of care in a cost effective manner and to provide a more convenient alternative to rural patients than personal visitations to a specialist or other health care provider, if needed.

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