AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2013
RESOLUTION: B-3

INTRODUCED BY:	Dominic Caruso, Co-Chair, Action Committee on Health Policy; Swathi Damodaran Co-Chair, Action Committee on Health Policy
SCHOOL:	Mayo Medical School
SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding Quality, Affordable, Health Care For All in the United States: Coverage, Access, and Delivery
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

WHEREAS AMSA currently supports a publicly financed and privately delivered, universal single payer system of health care; and

INASMUCH AS Section 1311 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires States to meet all requirements and regulations regarding insurance exchanges by 2014; and

CONSIDERING Section 1332(a) of the PPACA grants States the ability to apply for a waiver after January 1, 2017 from the specific provisions of the PPACA if a State plan meets comprehensive coverage requirements pursuant to section 1302(b) of the PPACA; and

WHEREAS the 112th Congress' "State Leadership in Health Care Act" (H.R. 439 and S. 73) and the "Empowering States to Innovate Act" (H.R. 844 and S. 248) proposed to amend the PPACA waiver application date from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2014; and

SEEING THAT the State of Vermont, in 2011, enacted H.202 (ACT 0048), "An Act Relating to a Universal and Unified Health System" to implement a single payer system; and

INASMUCH AS several other States, including Minnesota, California, Illinois, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Montana, and Massachusetts, have attempted or are attempting to pass legislation to implement a single payer system; and

WHEREAS changing the waiver application date from 2017 to 2014 would allow States like Vermont to implement a single payer system without first meeting requirements of the PPACA by 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles Regarding Quality, Affordable, Health Care For All in the United States: Coverage, Access, and Delivery (pg. 27-29) be AMENDED BY ADDITION to state:

PRINCIPLES REGARDING QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, HEALTH CARE FOR ALL IN THE UNITED STATES: COVERAGE, ACCESS, AND DELIVERY

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7. SUPPORTS, notwithstanding the principles above, other forms of comprehensive local, state, and federal health reform to address immediate gaps in access to care including, but not limited to, a federal publicly financed public health insurance option open to all, state single payer initiatives and expansions in eligibility and/or services in Medicaid, Medicare, State Children's Health Insurance Program, and uncompensated care pools.

a. STRONGLY ENCOURAGES Congress to pass legislation allowing States to apply for a waiver to the PPACA beginning in 2014.

FISCAL NOTE: None