



RES. NO. H261      A/07      ACTION: WITHDRAWN AND  
REPLACED W/H309 (A/05)

SUBJECT:            PEER REVIEW BY EQUAL CREDENTIALING

SUBMITTED BY:    Council on Health Related Policies

In July 2007, the House of Delegates approved the following resolution to be WITHDRAWN:

RESOLVED, that the following policy referred by the AOA House of Delegates to the Council on Health Related Policies in 2006 be deleted.

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association supports peer review of osteopathic physicians by osteopathic physicians; and

WHEREAS, peer review takes place in both hospital and outpatient settings; and

WHEREAS, various entities, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (HFCA), managed care organizations, third party payors, and workers' compensation programs often use peer review for determination in reimbursement decisions; and

WHEREAS, osteopathic specialty training is unique due to its osteopathic philosophy; and

WHEREAS, the AOA is the recommended certifying body for osteopathic postdoctoral training programs; and

WHEREAS, non-osteopathically trained physicians lack the additional education provided in osteopathic postdoctoral training; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association supports peer review of osteopathic physicians by other osteopathic physicians who have earned the same AOA certification credentials.

Explanatory Statement: The Expert Witness policy adopted by the House of Delegates in 2005 covers peer review issues. AOA staff has revisited the policy at the House's request and again recommends deletion

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Reference: pp. 193-194