

SUBJECT: Health Savings Accounts

SUBMITTED BY: Ohio Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees

REFERRED TO:

1 RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT BE DELETED:
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3 ~~Whereas, the Federal Government has allowed Health Savings Accounts (HSA) to be set
4 up by individuals with high deductible health insurance policies; and~~

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6 ~~Whereas, these HSAs present economic and tax advantages to the individual; and~~

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8 ~~Whereas, these HSA provide a means of purchasing a broad range of medical services
9 and products at the discretion of the individual; and~~

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11 ~~Whereas, Medicare patients with high deductible secondary insurance are not allowed to
12 contribute to an HSA by Federal mandate; and~~

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14 ~~Whereas, many Medicare patients would also benefit economically if allowed to have
15 and contribute to an HSA; and~~

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17 ~~Whereas, Medicare patients would benefit if allowed to use an HSA to purchase
18 pharmaceuticals and other services currently available to non-Medicare patients; and~~

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20 ~~Whereas, Medicare Part D services are of no benefit to a large segment of the Medicare
21 population; now therefore be it~~

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23 ~~Resolved, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association support legislation that will allow the
24 use of HSAs by Medicare patients without restriction; and be it further~~

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26 ~~Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the American Osteopathic
27 Association for consideration of nationwide support at the 2006 AOA House of
28 Delegates.~~

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30 **RECOMMENDED: This resolution was taken to the AOA House of Delegates,
31 where it was referred to the Council on Federal Health Programs for a report prior
32 to the 2007 AOA annual meeting. The AOA has the lead responsibility to address
33 federal legislation.**