

SUBJECT: H-230-A/05 PATIENT ACCESS IN RURAL AREAS

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Federal Health Programs / Bureau of State Government Affairs /  
Council on AOA Policy

REFERRED TO: Committee on Professional Affairs

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1 RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Federal Health Programs, the Bureau of State Government  
2 Affairs and the Council on AOA Policy recommend that the following policy be  
3 Reaffirmed:

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6 The American Osteopathic Association supports legislation on the state and federal levels that  
7 would require all managed care health plans to have reasonably placed network physicians and  
8 hospital access; if the distance is unreasonable, the plans should pay for out of network services  
9 at no additional cost to the patient. 1995; revised 2000, 2005

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