

1 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

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3 **CONSTITUTION**

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5 (To be presented September 2006 and voted September 2007)
6 (Language to be removed is italicized; language to be added is underlined).

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9 **Article X**
10 **AMENDMENTS**

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12 The membership may amend any article of this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the
13 members present at any Annual Meeting called for that purpose, provided that such
14 amendment shall have been presented in open *meeting session* at any previous meeting,
15 and that a copy of said amendments shall *have been sent to each member of this*
16 *Association at least two months before the meeting at which final action is to be taken*
17 be placed on the Association website and also be available, upon request, to any member.

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21 (Presented September 2005 and to be voted on September 2006)

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23 **Article VI**
24 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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26 Add a new paragraph, to be placed between the existing first and second paragraph, as
27 follows:

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29 Executive Committee members representing a geographical area are limited to serving
30 three consecutive three-year terms or a total of nine consecutive years, whichever occurs
31 first. If no replacement is available, the member may, upon vote of the Executive
32 Committee, serve one additional three-year term. In such circumstances, it is the
33 expectation that a replacement will continue to be recruited during the term, and if
34 successfully recruited, would begin service following the next Annual Session. Nothing
35 in this paragraph shall be construed or interpreted as precluding a member term-limited in
36 his or her representation of a geographic area, from continuing service on the Committee
37 as an officer, committee chair or other ex-officio position. Having completed a term on
38 the Committee, the member is not eligible to serve on the Committee again, representing
39 a geographic area, for three years.

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41 Amend the existing second paragraph, as follows:

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43 The Chairs of the Committee on Legislation, the Committee on Membership and Member
44 Benefits, and the Payor Liaison Committee, the Committee on Membership and Member

1 Benefits, the Committee on Public Health and the Committee on Peer Review and
2 Quality Improvement shall ex-officio be voting members of the Executive Committee.

3 4 5 **BYLAWS**

6 7 **Chapter I**

8 9 **MEMBERSHIP**

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13 **Section C.** Junior members *in a component society* shall be chosen from physicians
14 licensed to practice medicine and surgery,...(remainder of paragraph unchanged).

15 16 **STUDENT**

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18 **Section D.** Students who are Maine residents or who are attending medical school in
19 Maine, or who are attending medical school under the provision of the Maine Higher
20 Education Assistance Program, are eligible for Student Membership in the Association
21 *upon joining a component medical society.* (remainder of paragraph unchanged)

22 23 **SENIOR**

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25 **Section F. 2.** Retired physicians who have not been previously active member of the
26 Association shall be eligible for Senior membership if they are physicians of good
27 character, subject to Section A of Chapter I, upon payment of *one-half of the regular*
28 *dues of the Association; they shall not be eligible to hold office in the Association or to*
29 *participate in its experience –related programs, except as specified in Section G,*
30 *Subsection 3 below.* an application fee to be determined by the Executive Committee.

31 32 **CO-MEMBERSHIP**

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34 **Section G.2.** Co-members shall not be eligible to hold office in the Association or to
35 participate in its experience-rated programs, *except as specified in Section 3 below.*

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37 **Section G.3.** Osteopathic physicians who belong to the Maine Osteopathic Association
38 may qualify for membership at a reduced dues level, said dues to be determined by the
39 Executive Committee, but not less than one-half of State MMA dues. Such members
40 shall be eligible for all of the benefits of membership, including the right to vote and to
41 hold office *and to participate in the Association's experience-rated programs.*

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43 **Section G. 4.** Physicians who belong to a state and national specialty society recognized
44 by the Executive Committee, for joint promotional efforts, may also qualify for *initial*
45 membership at reduced rates determined by the Executive Committee.

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1 **DIRECT**

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3 **Section J.** A physician, who otherwise qualifies for active membership, may become a
4 direct member without membership in a component medical society *in unusual*
5 *circumstances*, by approval of the Executive Committee or by virtue of practicing or
6 residing within a geographic area where no active component society exists. The
7 physician shall have all the rights and privileges of active members.

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9 **Section K.** (delete) *After it has been properly reported by the secretary of a member's*
10 *component society, the name of a physician shall be placed on the official roster of this*
11 *Association as prima facie evidence of membership and of the member's right to vote and*
12 *register at the Annual Session.*

13 (Re-order remaining sections)

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15 **Section N.** The membership of any member who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a
16 Class A, B or C crime under the State of Maine criminal statutes, or of any felony or
17 analogous crime in another jurisdiction, shall automatically be revoked, unless otherwise
18 determined by the Executive Committee.

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21 **Chapter III**

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23 **ANNUAL MEETING**

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25 **DUTIES**

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27 **Section 7.** The membership at a duly called meeting shall have the authority to *constitute*
28 appoint committees for special purposes. Such committees shall report to the
29 membership, and committee members may be present and participate on their reports. A
30 committee so appointed shall cease when the purpose for which it was appointed is
31 accomplished, or in any case, within one year of its appointment.

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34 **Chapter IV**

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36 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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38 **Section 5.** The terms of component society *or county* representatives on the Executive
39 Committee shall be for three (3) years, subject to the limitations in Article VI of the
40 Constitution.

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6 **Chapter VII**
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8 **COMMITTEES**
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10 **Section 3. COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AND**
11 **ACCREDITATION.**
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13 This committee shall consist of at least five (5) members. The primary objective of
14 continuing medical education is to provide for constant improvement in medical care. To
15 meet this objective, the committee shall:

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17 1) *develop mechanisms to determine the educational needs of Maine's physicians*
18 assist in developing mechanisms which providers could use to determine the
19 educational needs of Maine physicians.
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21 (remainder of Section unchanged)
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23 **Section 12. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER BENEFITS.**
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25 This committee shall consist of at least five (5) members and may include practice
26 managers and corporate affiliate representatives who are not Association members. The
27 purpose of the committee shall be to discuss and promote membership in the Association,
28 to evaluate existing and potential member benefits and to oversee the corporate affiliate
29 program.
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32 **Section 13. PAYOR LIAISON COMMITTEE.**
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34 This committee shall consist of at least five (5) members and may include practice
35 managers, corporate affiliates and other interested persons who are not Association
36 members. The purpose of the committee shall be to meet with representatives of the
37 major health plans operating in Maine, including MaineCare and Medicare and to discuss
38 issues of mutual interest. The Committee shall also meet regularly with staff of the
39 Coding Center and will consider any legislative proposals that deal with payor issues.
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Chapter XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting, or a special meeting, by a majority vote of the members present at that Meeting, if the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee and copies have been *sent to the Secretary of each component society and each member twenty (20) days preceding the Meeting* placed on the Association's website and sent, upon request, to any member.