

1 H-320.945 Abuse of Preauthorization Procedures

2 Our AMA opposes the abuse of preauthorization by advocating the following
3 positions: (1) Preauthorization should not be required where the medication or
4 procedure prescribed is customary and properly indicated, or is a treatment for
5 the clinical indication, as supported by peer-reviewed medical publications or for
6 a patient currently managed with an established treatment regimen. (2) Third
7 parties should be required to make preauthorization statistics available, including
8 the percentages of approval or denial. These statistics should be provided by
9 various categories, e.g., specialty, medication or diagnostic test/procedure,
10 indication offered, and reason for denial. (Sub. Res. 728, A-10; Reaffirmation I-
11 10; Reaffirmation A-11; Reaffirmed: Res. 709, A-12)

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13 (19) RESOLUTION 126 - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
14 COMPRESSION STOCKINGS

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16 RECOMMENDATION A:

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18 Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends
19 that Resolution 126 be amended by addition and deletion
20 to read as follows:

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22 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association
23 support engage all relevant stakeholders in ensuring
24 unconditional Medicare compensation payment for
25 gradient compression stockings as prescribed by a
26 physician under Medicare benefits coverage the durable
27 medical equipment portion of coverage, including for cases
28 of preventative use and for patients without a present
29 venous stasis ulcer. (Directive to Take Action)

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31 RECOMMENDATION B:

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33 Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends
34 that Resolution 126 be adopted as amended.

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36 Resolution 126 asks that our AMA engage all relevant stakeholders in ensuring
37 unconditional Medicare compensation for gradient compression stockings as prescribed
38 by a physician under the durable medical equipment portion of coverage, including for
39 cases of preventative use and for patients without a present venous stasis ulcer.

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41 There was generally supportive testimony on Resolution 126. An amendment was
42 offered to specify that Medicare pay for gradient compression stockings under Medicare
43 benefits coverage. Your Reference Committee agrees with the amendment, and as such
44 recommends that Resolution 126 be adopted as amended.