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Resolutions 33, 34, 36, 45, 46, and 48 (A-10)

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
Resolution 56 (A-10)

Introduced by: Rashmi K. Chugh, M.D., and Hythem P. Shadid, M.D., Delegates, for the
DuPage County Medical Society

Subject: Health Courts in Illinois

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society prepare an authoritative report – a “white paper” – on health courts and other alternatives and legislative solutions for Illinois’ medical liability crisis. The report should address the potential for health courts, medical review panels, patient compensation funds, “loser pays” programs, “safe harbors,” and other innovative solutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society seek to engage the American Medical Association, specialty societies, the Illinois Hospital Association, and other stakeholders in a collaborative and coalition-building campaign to promote the adoption of a health court system and other innovative solutions for medical litigation in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society convene a series of meetings with the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Illinois state government to begin the process of petitioning members of the Illinois delegation to the U. S. Congress and President Obama to place a health court pilot project for the nation in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society support and/or cause to be introduced in the General Assembly legislation that will establish a health court system in the state for the adjudication of medical liability issues.

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society support or cause to be introduced legislation that will re-enact the on-damage-cap-related, but meaningful, medical liability reform provisions included in the 2005 medical liability reform law and other innovative solutions to address Illinois’ medical liability crisis.

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