

1 **RESOLUTION #18-01**

2 **ENTITLED:** Medicare and Medicaid Parity for Primary Care

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5 WHEREAS, The State of Indiana's health care system is threatened by a shortage of primary care
6 physicians that is projected to get worse, and

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8 WHEREAS, the shortage of Family Physicians in Indiana is due to poor reimbursement to primary care
9 physicians as a whole, and

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11 WHEREAS, this shortage will be made worse by practicing physicians leaving the market rather than
12 face insolvency, and

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14 WHEREAS, Medicare reimburses for medical services at cost, and

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16 WHEREAS, Indiana Medicaid plans reimburse for medical services below cost, and

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18 WHEREAS, some Medicaid Managed Care Plans provide reimbursement at Medicare levels, 77% of
19 them do not, and

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21 WHEREAS, healthy private insurance markets have enabled practices to absorb the cost of
22 discounting care for Medicaid recipients in the past, Family Physicians can no longer afford to perform
23 health care services below the cost to provide them, and

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25 WHEREAS, family physicians help the State of Indiana with the burden of the poor, our financial risk
26 increases with the proportion of Medicaid patients we serve, and

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28 WHEREAS, Family Medicine practices in poorer areas of Indiana are already under severe financial
29 stress due to large Medicaid populations, and

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31 WHEREAS, Eight states have already mandated Medicare/Medicaid parity for primary care practices
32 for the reasons mentioned above; therefore be it

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34 **RESOLVED**, that the IAFP make advocating Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement parity for primary care
35 physicians at all levels of state government a legislative priority.