

RESOLUTION 2019 L

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
SUBMITTED BY: Emily Hurst, DO, OCOMA Delegate
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as Amended
SUBJECT: Addressing Fears and Barriers to Telemedicine Implementation and Alignment

- 1 **Whereas**, telemedicine is becoming a growing entity and option for healthcare services in
2 Michigan; and
- 3 **Whereas**, the potential convenience and lower costs of telemedicine may be highly attractive to
4 patients; and
- 5 **Whereas**, many physicians have expressed concern that telemedicine could adversely affect the
6 patient/physician relationship, quality of care and/or patient safety; and
- 7 **Whereas**, appropriate oversight and regulations for telemedicine services are lacking; and
- 8 **Whereas**, inferior technology and network coverage can affect consistent services; and
- 9 **Whereas**, empowering a physician’s ability to engage and implement telemedicine could
10 increase revenue, practice marketing options and increased enhance relationships with
11 physician’s existing patients; therefore, be it
- 12 **Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) engage partner organizations to
13 support understanding, training and implementation of telemedicine in physician offices; and be
14 it further
- 15 **Resolved**, that the MOA engage in evaluating processes that help our physicians implement
16 telemedicine in practices; and be it further
- 17 **Resolved**, that this resolution be forwarded to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) this
18 year for consideration as national policy.