



Resolution 3
Opposition to Participation in the Prior
Authorization Process

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1 **WHEREAS**, Family Medicine physicians should seek to avoid barriers that impose unnecessary
2 burdens on physicians; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, health insurance companies (HIC) and pharmacy benefit managers (PMS) have
5 created an artificial obstruction in the form of the prior authorization process; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, HICs and PBMs have sufficient resources to adjudicate payment for medically
8 necessary and appropriate services without burdening a physician or their staff with
9 bureaucratic non-medical tasks; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, neither physicians nor their staff have such a fiduciary responsibility towards the
12 HICs and PBMs; therefore be it

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14 **RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians opposes any imposition of the prior
15 authorization process which transfers that duty from the payor to the family medicine physician.