



National Lieutenant Governors Association

1 **NATIONAL LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROPRIATE USE OF**
2 **MEDICATIONS**
3 **WHEREAS**, chronic diseases and conditions - such as heart disease, arthritis, COPD, asthma, depression, and
4 diabetes – are the leading causes of death, disability, and rising healthcare costs in America;
5 **WHEREAS**, 145 million Americans – almost half of the population – are living with at least one chronic
6 condition and almost 7 out of every 10 deaths are attributable to chronic disease;
7 **WHEREAS**, taking the right medications exactly as prescribed plays a critical role in treating and preventing the
8 progression of chronic disease;
9 **WHEREAS**, the proper use of medications can lead to improved health, enhanced quality of life, and increased
10 productivity;
11 **WHEREAS**, comprehensive medication management (CMM) is defined as the standard of care that ensures
12 each patient's medications are individually assessed to ensure that the medication is: 1) appropriate, 2)
13 effective for the medical condition, 3) safe given the patient's comorbidities and with other medications they
14 are taking, and 4) the patient is willing and able to take the medication as prescribed;
15 **WHEREAS**, CMM involves regular interaction between the patient and healthcare provider to ensure that they
16 are meeting their clinical goals of therapy with the prescriber having ultimate decision making authority for any
17 changes made to the patient's medication or treatment regimen;
18 **WHEREAS**, CMM has consistently provided a \$4: \$1 return on investment which ultimately reduces overall
19 healthcare costs (including facility and medical costs);
20 **NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the National Lieutenant Governor's Association encourage agency action to
21 provide comprehensive medication management for high risk Medicaid, dual eligible, Medicare and public
22 health plan beneficiaries;
23 **NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that National Lieutenant Governor's Association encourage policymakers to provide
24 CMM to high risk patients;
25 **NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the National Lieutenant Governor's Association call on each Lieutenant
26 Governor to raise awareness about the benefits of CMM with healthcare policy experts within the state's
27 Department of Health; and
28 **NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the National Lieutenant Governor's Association recognize that medications are
29 an important prevention and treatment tool for patients and their providers; and
30 **NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that National Lieutenant Governor's Association will identify areas to partner with
31 the pharmaceutical industry, patient advocacy organizations and healthcare provider groups on policies that
32 promote appropriate use of medications and improved patient adherence for optimal outcomes.

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