

1 RESOLUTION #5-16 (DIRECTIVE)

2 **VISION 21st CENTURY**

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4 WHEREAS, Resolution 2-05 directed the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) to
5 “commit itself to achieving the goal by 2015 of Podiatrist being defined as physicians who
6 treat patients in the physician’s specialty without restrictions”;

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8 WHEREAS, Vision 2015 advanced a significant aspect of APMA’s Strategic plan, calling for
9 APMA to facilitate a profession-wide effort to further raise awareness that Doctors of
10 Podiatric Medicine are physicians who specialize exclusively in diagnosing and treating
11 ailments of the lower extremity;

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13 WHEREAS, Vision 2015 revealed that foot and ankle care provided by podiatrists improves
14 outcomes and reduces complications and costs associated with lower extremity pathology
15 when podiatry is part of integrated health-care teams;

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17 WHEREAS, Vision 2015 identified impediments to podiatry’s full integration into health-
18 care systems such as non-inclusion in the federal level in Title XIX and the outdated
19 designation in Medicare Title XVIII; and

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21 WHEREAS, Today’s podiatrist receives education and training undifferentiated from
22 allopathic and osteopathic physicians;

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24 RESOLVED, That the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Board of Trustees
25 continue the efforts of Vision 2015 through Vision 21st Century, reaffirming its
26 commitment:

- 27 (1) To the right to provide medical and surgical care to the lower extremity
28 commensurate with a podiatrist’s education and training,
29 (2) To access all health-care delivery systems as an integral member of the health-
30 care team,
31 (3) To receive compensation comparable to all other physicians providing the same
32 services, and
33 (4) To the right of patients to have lower extremity care provided by a Doctor of
34 Podiatric Medicine; and

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36 RESOLVED, That the APMA Board of Trustees shall annually report to the House of
37 Delegates on the work and progress of this initiative.

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5	FINANCIAL IMPACT:	\$0