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**Subject:** Workgroup on AI and its Potential Impact on Patient Safety and Quality of Care in Medical Practice

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*Whereas,* The Internet can gather large amounts of data from diverse sources that include but are not limited to electronic health records, digital images, and mobile apps; and

*Whereas,* Technology enables the compilation, storage, and processing of vast amounts of data to help identify clinically significant patterns and provide predictions; and

*Whereas,* Recent developments propel interest in healthcare AI, whether defined as “artificial intelligence,” the ability of a computer to complete tasks in a manner typically associated with a rational human being, or “augmented intelligence,” design that enhances human intelligence rather than replaces it; and

*Whereas,* Healthcare AI has been developed and applied to clinical decision support, treatment protocols, diagnostic recommendations, clinical prognostication, drug development, personalized medicine, patient monitoring, chronic care, and patient flow analytics; and

*Whereas,* Healthcare AI operates with variable levels of transparency, vetting, and oversight by experts and regulators; and

*Whereas,* Technology industry leaders and academic institutions have developed and implemented healthcare AI for radiology, pathology, oncology, ophthalmology, cardiology, and dermatology, and further applications are anticipated;<sup>1-13</sup> and

*Whereas,* Modern machine learning technology in healthcare AI can readily re-identify data sources posing a challenge to confidentiality of protected health information;<sup>14</sup> and

*Whereas,* Investment in healthcare AI is robust and a recent report from Markets and Markets pins the healthcare AI sector at nearly \$8 billion in 2022, accelerating at a compound annual growth rate of 52.68 percent over the forecast period;<sup>15, 16</sup> and

*Whereas,* State medical boards should have an understanding of AI and its impact on medical practice;

Therefore, be it hereby

**Resolved,** That the Federation of State Medical Boards will convene a workgroup comprised of relevant stakeholders and subject matter experts including the American Medical Association to provide state medical boards with an understanding of AI and its potential impact on patient safety and quality of care in medical practice.

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