

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

Subject: Tiered, Narrow, or Restricted Physician Networks
Document Number: PS-102-0
Effective Date: September 28, 2007
Revision Date(s): NA

POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) affirms the American Medical Association (AMA) position on tiered, narrow, or restricted networks as follows:

The AMA will (1) seek to have third party payers disclose, in plain language, the criteria by which the carrier creates a tiered, narrow or restricted network; (2) monitor the development of tiered, narrow or restricted networks to ensure that they are not inappropriately driven by economic criteria by the plans and that patients are not caused health care access problems based on the potential for a limited number of specialists in the resulting networks; and (3) seek legislation or regulation which prohibits the formation of networks based **solely** on economic criteria and ensures that, before health plans can establish new panel networks, physicians are informed of the criteria for participating in those networks, with sufficient advance time to permit them to satisfy the criteria.

AUTHORITY

South Dakota State Medical Association Council of Physicians, 9/28/2007; Reaffirmed by South Dakota State Medical Association Board of Directors 11/5/2020.

American Medical Association (Res.806, I-06).