

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. 2

**ADVOCACY FOR HIGH QUALITY, APPROPRIATE AND ETHICAL
MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY**

BE IT RESOLVED,

that in accordance with the philosophy of the ACR Code of Ethics, the practice of healthcare providers referring patients to imaging facilities in which they have a financial interest is self-referral and may not be in the best interest of patients. Financially motivated self-referral commonly results in unnecessary treatment and services with associated increased costs. This may also result in unnecessary radiation exposure to the public. The College should continue to educate policymakers and others regarding the adverse effects of self-referral, and

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that the College advocate with the Congress, appropriate Federal agencies and third party payors that medical imaging procedures, image-guided interventional procedures, and radiation therapy services, be reimbursed only if appropriate and if provided by qualified physicians in facilities that have met defined quality and safety standards, and that the ACR Code of Ethics, Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards, Appropriateness Criteria and accreditation programs serve as the foundation for the development of this reimbursement policy and

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that the College through its Government Relations Commission fully explore all of the input provided at the 2005 AMCLC and all of the options available to address the problem of self-referral and inappropriate imaging utilization; and to assist in developing these options, at least four members, with input from the speaker, be added as voting members of the Commission.