Resolution 1
Title: Establish MSNJ Council on Health Informatics and Technology

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Whereas, health information technology has revolutionized the practice of medicine since the era of the CMS Meaningful Use Program; and

Whereas, the Medical Society of New Jersey has demonstrated success in working with state and federal stakeholders to ensure that members who invested in health information technologies like electronic health records were successfully reimbursed by the Meaningful Use program; and

Whereas, the Medical Society of New Jersey developed and supports OneHealth New Jersey, the State of New Jersey’s ONC approved QHIN in New Jersey for physician electronic information interoperability; and

Whereas, the Medical Society also has the subject matter expertise within its membership to drive development of data products with OneHealth New Jersey for the Medical Society of New Jersey; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Medical Society of New Jersey shall establish a Council on Health Informatics and Technology. The Council shall be composed of six members who are also members of MSNJ in good standing. The six members shall be as follows: two voting members from each of three county regions (northern, central, and southern). The President of MSNJ shall select and appoint council members and, from their ranks, a Chair.

Term Limits
The Chair of the Council on Health Informatics and Technology shall serve no longer than five consecutive years or a total of seven non-consecutive years. Council members may serve up to five years consecutively or a total of seven non-consecutive years.

Roles and Responsibilities
The Council shall:
1) Monitor legislation and regulation on health information technology in the New Jersey legislature and state government, and shall make recommendations to the MSNJ Executive Committee and Board of Trustees as to legislative advocacy for physicians, their practices, and organizations.
2) Advise the MSNJ Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of key health information technology initiatives that affect physicians and their practices.
3) Develop and implement policies and workflows that will allow MSNJ to work with OneHealthNJ and its parent company Konza to develop data products and studies that will drive grants and additional value and revenue to the MSNJ.
4) Issue a yearly report on its progress on its responsibilities above, for consideration and approval at MSNJ’s annual House of Delegates meeting.