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If $a, b, c > 0$, then :

$$\frac{ab + 2a + b}{a + 2b + 1} + \frac{ac + 2a + c}{a + 2c + 1} \geq \frac{4a}{a + 1}$$

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$$a > 0, f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{ax + 2a + x}{a + 2x + 1}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(a + 1)(a + 2x + 1) - 2(ax + 2a + x)}{(a + 2x + 1)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{a^2 + 2ax + a + a + 2x + 1 - 2ax - 4a - 2x}{(a + 2x + 1)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{a^2 - 2a + 1}{(a + 2x + 1)^2} = \frac{(a - 1)^2}{(a + 2x + 1)^2} = \left(\frac{a - 1}{a + 2x + 1}\right)^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f \uparrow [0, \infty)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b > 0 \Rightarrow f(b) > f(0) = \frac{2a}{a + 1} \\ c > 0 \Rightarrow f(c) > f(0) = \frac{2a}{a + 1} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f(b) + f(c) > \frac{2a}{a + 1} + \frac{2a}{a + 1} = \frac{4a}{a + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ab + 2a + b}{a + 2b + 1} + \frac{ac + 2a + c}{a + 2c + 1} \geq \frac{4a}{a + 1}$$

$$(\forall) a, b, c > 0$$

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$$\frac{ab + 2a + b}{a + 2b + 1} + \frac{ac + 2a + c}{a + 2c + 1} \geq \frac{4a}{a + 1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{ab + 2a + b}{a + 2b + 1} - 1 + \frac{ac + 2a + c}{a + 2c + 1} - 1$$

$$\geq \frac{4a}{a + 1} - 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{ab + a - b - 1}{a + 2b + 1} + \frac{ac + a - c - 1}{a + 2c + 1} \geq \frac{2a - 2}{a + 1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a(b + 1) - (b + 1)}{a + 2b + 1} + \frac{a(c + 1) - (c + 1)}{a + 2c + 1} \geq \frac{2(a - 1)}{a + 1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a - 1)(b + 1)}{a + 2b + 1} + \frac{(a - 1)(c + 1)}{a + 2c + 1} \geq \frac{2(a - 1)}{a + 1}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (a-1) \left(\left(\frac{b+1}{a+2b+1} - \frac{1}{a+1} \right) + \left(\frac{c+1}{a+2c+1} - \frac{1}{a+1} \right) \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a-1)}{a+1} \left(\frac{ab+a+b+1-a-2b-1}{a+2b+1} + \frac{ac+a+c+1-a-2c-1}{a+2c+1} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a-1)}{a+1} \left(\frac{b(a-1)}{a+2b+1} + \frac{c(a-1)}{a+2c+1} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a-1)^2}{a+1} \left(\frac{b}{a+2b+1} + \frac{c}{a+2c+1} \right) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{ab+2a+b}{a+2b+1} + \frac{ac+2a+c}{a+2c+1} \geq \frac{4a}{a+1} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0, \text{ " = " iff } a = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$