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STATUS REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS FROM THE 2012 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

*(includes Resolutions that were adopted, reaffirmed or
referred to the FMA Board of Governors)*

The following Resolutions were referred to the Board of Governors by the 2012 House of Delegates and an update on each is included as part of this report :

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Resolution 11-111, Ad Hoc Guardianship Examining Committee

House Action: Adopted Substitute Resolution 11-111

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) create an ad hoc committee on Florida Guardianship to investigate the process for adult wards as per Florida statute 744 with regard to the clinical determination of incapacity by physicians and other paramedical personnel and to assess its clinical validity. The committee should include members of the Geriatric Society and other experts who have experience in dealing with adult wards. This committee will report back to the FMA Board of Governors on its evaluation of the clinical validity of the process used to determine incapacity.

Update: Assigned to Council on Healthy Floridians; Council appointed ad hoc committee; Board authorized Ad Hoc Committee to collaborate with a group of other representative organizations for the purpose of reviewing current relevant law relating to clinical determination of incapacity by physicians, expressly to make recommendations to its constituent groups in order to address shortcomings that may best be addressed through legislative and/or rules changes.

Resolution 11-325, Medicaid Managed Care Equality

House Action: Adopted Substitute Resolution 11-325

RESOLVED, That The Florida Medical Association use current Florida Workforce Study Data to evaluate the current status of primary care and specialist physician Medicaid coverage and access issues that currently exist; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association work with the Agency For Health Care Administration and other healthcare data collection entities such as The Florida Surgical Care Initiative to develop information that will assist with evaluating the impact of Medicaid managed care on Medicaid beneficiaries' access to care.

Update: As the Medicaid Managed Care statewide expansion just received federal approval, the study of the coverage and access issues is ongoing.

Resolution 12-101 Health Courts

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) analyze the proposals for Health Courts as outlined by the 2007 AMA panel, the Harvard School of Public Health and others; and further

RESOLVED, That the FMA perform an analysis of the benefits of a health court system in Florida reviewing the opportunity for speedier resolution of cases as well as cost savings for our judicial system, providers and insurance companies; and further

RESOLVED, That, if feasible upon analysis of benefits, the FMA develop a plan to accomplish required legislation to implement a Health Court System in Florida.

Update: The study of this issue is ongoing

***Resolution 12-102**
Standard of Care in Diagnosing Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the issue of Human Growth Hormone (HGH) therapy for Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency (AGHD) be referred to the FMA's Board of Governors for study and action.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Healthy Floridians; Board approved Council's recommendation and adopted the following position: THE FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSES THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGISTS 2009 UPDATE ON MEDICAL GUIDELINES FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR GROWTH HORMONE USE IN GROWTH HORMONE-DEFICIENT ADULTS AND TRANSITION PATIENTS; AND FURTHER DOES NOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF GROWTH HORMONE TO PATIENTS FOR ANY REASONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED INDICATIONS AND/OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD-APPROVED INVESTIGATIONAL PURPOSES AS PART OF A CLINICAL STUDY.

***Resolution 12-103**
Autologous Stem-Cell Treatments

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the issue of autologous stem-cell treatments be referred to the FMA's Board of Governors for study and action.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Healthy Floridians; Board approved the Council's recommendation and adopted the following position: THE FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS AUTOLOGOUS STEM CELL THERAPY WHEN CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED INDICATIONS AND/OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD-APPROVED INVESTIGATIONAL PURPOSES AS PART OF A CLINICAL STUDY.

***Resolution 12-104**
Diet Treatments Involving Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG)

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the use of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG) for the treatment of weight loss be referred to the Florida Medical Association's Board of Governors for study and action.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Healthy Floridians; Board approved the Council's recommendation and adopted the following position: THE FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION DOES NOT CONDONE, SUPPORT, OR ADVOCATE FOR THE USE OF ANY FORM OF HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN (HCG) FOR THE PURPOSE OF WEIGHT REDUCTION AS THIS OFF-LABELED USE IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT SCIENTIFIC MERIT, AS INDICATED IN THE AGENT'S PACKAGE INSERT AND IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION

Resolution 12-105
Recognize and Treat Anaphylaxis (General Allergic Emergency)

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association petition the Florida State Legislature to require that school personnel, including but not limited to teachers and nurses, be instructed to recognize and treat an individual experiencing an anaphylactic emergency and in particular the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and further require all schools to have a non-student specific epinephrine auto-injector on hand to treat anaphylaxis.

Update: Legislation introduced and passed (SB 284)

Resolution 12-107
Hazing Risk Reduction by Educational Institutions

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association will support hazing risk reduction by encouraging university, college, and high school administrations to send out letters to all new students and parents outlining: The school's anti-hazing policy; the negative psychological consequences on the recipient, perpetrator, and bystander to hazing; the duty to report hazing; and the potential educational, civil, and criminal consequences of hazing behavior.

Update: Policy recorded in FMA policy compendium P 420.333

Resolution 12-110
Start High School Times

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association work collaboratively with the FCAAP on a media campaign on the effects of an early school start time as it relates to children's physical and mental health and school performance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation and endorse all public schools (elementary to high school) begin class at 8:00 am or later.

Update: The FMA stands ready to support any legislation introduces (no such bills introduced in 2013)

Resolution 12-111
Florida Medical Schools Educating Students About the Costs Of Physician Orders at Their Teaching Hospitals

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) encourage each medical school in Florida to regularly educate all of its students about the costs of diagnostic and therapeutic services in their teaching hospitals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA annually inquire about each Florida Medical Schools' incorporation of this material into their curriculum, and make this data available to share between each of the schools.

Update: The FMA continues to work closely with the Council of Medical School Deans to monitor this and other relevant issues that impact medical schools, undergraduate medical education, and graduate medical education (GME).

*** Resolution 12-201**
Mandatory Report for Medical Professionals with Multiple
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for action

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association supports action requiring that any medical professional who is arrested for driving under the influence on two occasions must self report to his or her appropriate advocacy agency, the Professionals Resource Network or the Intervention Project for Nurses, and submit to assessment for alcoholism and chemical dependence.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Legislation; Board approved the Council's recommendation and adopted amended Resolution 12-201 as follows: RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association supports action requiring that any medical professional who is ~~arrested~~ convicted for of driving under the influence on two occasions must self report to his or her appropriate advocacy agency, the professionals resource network or the interventional project for nurses, and submit to assessment for alcoholism and chemical dependence.

Resolution 12-202
Recognition of Dr. H. Frank Farmer, M.D., Ph.D.

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That Dr. H. Frank Farmer, M.D., Ph.D., be recognized for his most recent and many years of prior service to protect the health and lives of Floridians by an appropriate award from the Florida Medical Association.

Update: The action called for in this resolution was accomplished in 2008 with the presentation of the FMA's Certificate of Merit, considered the FMA's highest award to a member who rendered exceptional and outstanding service to the Association, to the medical profession, and to the public over a period of years.

Resolution 12-204
AMA to Develop Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Candidates

House Action: Adopted Substitute Resolution as amended in Lieu of Original Resolution 12-204

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) and the American Medical Association (AMA) develop a conflict of interest declaration form to be completed each year by elected officers and those delegates appointed to office or running as candidates, and these conflict of interest disclosures be available to members for review; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA delegation to the AMA seek to ensure that the AMA allow access of its conflict of interest declaration forms of all candidates and elected and appointed individuals to the members of the AMA House of Delegates.

Update: The FMA has a conflict of interest policy in place and the FMA Delegation to the AMA introduced a resolution to require the AMA to expand its COI policy in conformance with this resolution.

Resolution 12-301
Transfer Of Muscle Building Drugs (Hgh And Hcg) To Schedule III
Kenneth N. Woliner, M.D., A.B.F.M, Delegate
Reference Committee III - Legislation

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support the transfer Somatropin (HGH), Sermolelin, Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG), and other muscle-building drugs, as necessary, to Schedule III of s. 893.03(3)(d), of the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act.

Update: FMA Executive Committee determined additional review needed and referred to the Council on Healthy Floridians for further study and report back to the Board; Board approved report from the Council; Board removed item from 2013 legislative agenda.

Resolution 12-302
Commercial Weight-Loss Programs and Unlicensed Dietetic Activity

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation to amend the Florida Commercial Weight-Loss Practices Act, s. 501.073, F.S., to add, after subparagraph (6), the following: “(7) Conspicuously post, in each and every advertisement, including, but not limited to, print media, websites, blogs, social media sites, radio, and television, the name and license number of the licensee who has reviewed and approved the weight-loss program according to s. 468.505(1)(j).”

Update: FMA Executive Committee determined additional review needed and referred to the Council on Healthy Floridians for further study and report back to the Board; Board approved report from the Council; Board removed item from 2013 legislative agenda.

Resolution 12-303
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

House Action: Adopted Substitute Resolution 12-303 in lieu of Original 12-303

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association seek appropriate legislation that would reinforce current legislation to require nurses to disclose the license, without the use of initials, under which they are operating.

Update: Legislation was introduced during the 2013 Session of the Florida Legislature and did not pass.

Resolution 12-304
“Doctors of Nursing Practice” are an Imminent Threat to Primary Care Physicians in Florida

House Action: Reaffirmed existing policy in lieu of Resolution 12-304

Update: Reaffirmed P 30.002; P340.002; P 395.003; P 450.025

Resolution 12-305
Scope of Practice Expansion

House Action: Reaffirmed existing policy in lieu of Resolution 12-305

Update: Reaffirmed P 450.001; P 450.009; P450.014, P450.024

Resolution 12-306
Stand United Against Scope of Practice Expansion

House Action: Reaffirmed existing policy in lieu of Resolution 12-306

Update: Reaffirmed P450.001; P 450.009; P450.014; P450.024

***Resolution 12-307**
Inadequate Enforcement by the Department of Health MQA

Kenneth N. Woliner, M.D., A.B.F.M., Delegate
Reference Committee III - Legislation

House Action: Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the issue of lack of MQA enforcement of Florida Statutes and Rules be referred to the FMA's Board of Governors for study and action.

Board Action: Board discussed concerns presented in original resolution with Florida's Surgeon General during open session of the Board of Governors.

Resolution 12-308
Preserve Core Values of Transparency and Inclusiveness

House Action: Adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, Prior to taking action that is inconsistent with or contrary to established HOD policy, the FMA Board of Governors be required to uphold and respect the governance of the HOD by first providing full, honest and open disclosure of the risks and benefits of such action as they relate to the FMA and the affected Stakeholder Organizations along with alternative actions that could mitigate any adverse impacts to the affected Stakeholder Organizations and patients, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the FMA shall immediately abandon pursuit of any policy inconsistent with or contrary to established HOD policy, unless in the specific interest of public safety.

Update: Ongoing; Board adopted Scope of Practice Task Force Report.

***Resolution 12-309**
Supporting Creation of a "No-Fault Patient Compensation System"

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for study.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association endorses HB 1233 and SB 1235.

Board Action: CoL received testimony in support/opposition of program; Board determined actuarial data should be obtained from the American Academy of Actuaries before the Council makes official recommendation on the issue; Board approved recommendation to not adopt this resolution and recommendation is presented in Board Report C 2013 House of Delegates.

Resolution 12-310
Allowing State Law Regulating Pain Management Clinics to Supersede Local Ordinance(s)

House Action: Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association pursue legislation which allows state law regarding the standards of practice and registration of pain clinics to supersede any local ordinance regarding the same and explicitly prohibit counties and municipalities from passing any such laws.

Update: Legislation was introduced during the 2013 Session of the Florida Legislature but did not pass.

Resolution 12-311
Legalizing Syringe Exchange Programs in the State of Florida

House Action: Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association seek legislation to amend Chapter 893 of the Florida Statutes to legalize Syringe Exchange Programs in the state of Florida.

Update: Legislation was introduced during the 2013 Session of the Florida Legislature but did not pass.

Resolution 12-313
Penalties for Caretakers Withholding Information from Physicians/Health Care Professionals Caring For a Child

House Action: Adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation that would make it a crime for caretakers to purposely withhold and/or provide false or misleading information to treating physicians/health care professionals regarding the true nature of a child's injury or condition.

Update: 2013 FMA Legislative Agenda; No such legislation was introduced during the 2013 Session of the Florida Legislature.

*** Resolution 12-314**
Ending Certificate of Need Laws to Expand Access to Care

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for action.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) start working immediately to limit and if possible repeal hospital and medical facility Certificate of Need laws in Florida to expand access to care and drive down costs for patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA work to end Federal and any other bans on physician ownership of hospitals at the AMA and in Congress using available resources and working with willing allies.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Legislation; Board approved Council's recommendation and adopted this resolution.

*** Resolution 12-315**
FMA Support for Medicaid Reform Public-Private Partnership Pilot Program

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) support and pass this resolution that empowers the FMA Board of Governors to support passage of legislation that provides for establishment of a Medicaid Public Private Pilot Program in five north central Florida counties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this legislation include establishment of a Working Committee that includes FMA physician representation in addition to other interested and affected parties to implement the Medicaid Public Private Pilot Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this committee collect access, timeliness of referral, quality and cost savings data based on metrics established by the working committee that will be used to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Pilot Program compared to traditional Medicaid and Medicaid HMO models; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation that allows the State of Florida to request and seek a special CMS Medicaid exemption for this Pilot Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Working Committee oversee the implementation of a State Private Insurance Policy Purchase Program for Medicaid enrollees that provides a private commercial healthcare policy via a needs based sliding scale formula; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation that links receipt of these new Pilot Program benefits to vocational and educational improvement requirements that enhance recipients' future employment opportunities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this committee oversees the development of a Public Private Chronic Disease and Disabled Disease Management Partnership that provides for case and cost management systems for complex cases that may include commercial healthcare reinsurance proportional share premium support; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if needed, the services of a national consultation, accounting and advisory company be engaged to calculate the cost savings and healthcare benefits of this new Pilot Program based on Medicaid's historical cost and quality metrics; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Working Committee with the Consulting Company provide annual reports to the Governor, AHCA and concerned federal agencies that demonstrates the outcomes of the program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That after 5 years or earlier the Pilot Program with FMA support seeks extension of the Pilot Program to other counties by obtaining State of Florida legislation that seeks to obtain an expanded regional or statewide CMS Medicaid exemption for the Pilot Program.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Legislation; Board approved Council's recommendation to Not Adopt.

***Resolution 12-316**
Use of the Title 'Doctor' In Clinical Settings

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) seek legislation by amending current state law by deletion of the current statement, "By orally disclosing to the patient, upon the licensee's initial in-person contact with the patient, that the licensee is either a medical doctor, a physician assistant, or an anesthesiologist assistant and substitution by the following statement, "By orally disclosing to the patient, upon the licensee's initial in-person contact with the patient, that the licensee is a doctor, a physician assistant, a nurse practitioner or an anesthesiologist assistant or the corresponding appropriate title for any allied healthcare professional; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation that prohibits the use of the word 'Doctor' by all others except MD's, DO's, DDS's, DPM's in the clinical setting.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Legislation; Board approved Council's recommendation to Not Adopt.

***Resolution 12-317**
FMA Action on Health System Reform

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors.

RESOLVED, That our FMA use available resources and work in a coalition of other organizations to advocate for its own Health System Improvement Plan at the federal and state level and work to repeal those elements in state and federal law that contradict this plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our FMA Board of Governors develop a strategy to repeal and prevent implementation of elements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (PPACA) that are not consistent with the

FMA Health System Improvement Plan including legal, judicial and legislative action and public relations to build support for these actions.

Board Action: This matter is pending before the Board.

Resolution 12-318
Neonatal Pulse Oximetry Heart Disease

House Action: Adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation to require that all Florida newborns be screened for critical congenital heart disease using pulse oximetry, and be it further

RESOLVED, That such legislation require newborn pulse oximetry be added to the list of mandated newborn screening tests, and be it further

RESOLVED, That such legislation direct Children's Medical Services, within the Florida Department of Health, to develop and implement such a screening program for CCHD and track the results in all newborns.

Update: Legislation was introduced during the 2013 Session of the Florida Legislature but did not pass.

Resolution 12-401
Telemedicine

House Action: Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association shall replace the four FMA policies on telemedicine (P 465.001 Physicians Treating Via Telemedicine; P 465.002 Licensure Requirement; P 465.003 Academic Centers; P 465.004 Position On Telemedicine) with the following: "The Florida Medical Association (FMA) supports Florida licensure of physicians who provide evaluation and treatment via telemedicine. Telemedicine is a medical service and should be reimbursable as is any other medical service provided by a physician. The Florida Medical Association endorses telemedicine legislation that supports physician practice. The FMA will work with the Board of Medicine in its regulation of telemedicine and through its delegation to the AMA, asks the American Medical Association to encourage individual state Boards of Medicine to regulate telemedicine and to work with individual state legislatures to seek full licensure for intrastate telemedicine practice and to seek appropriate reimbursement for physicians who provide telemedicine services."

Update: Resolution filed AMA I-12 – AMA Res 805 reaffirmed existing policy; the resolution also calls for replacement of four existing policies, accomplished.

***Resolution 12-402**
Economic Task Force

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association establish a task force to recommend economic reforms to ensure continued access to quality medical care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon the FMA House of Delegates approval of the recommendations for economic reforms presented by the task force, the FMA Delegation to the AMA present the recommendations to the AMA for action.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Medical Services and Health Care Delivery Innovation; Board approved Council's recommendation to Not Adopt.

Resolution 12-403
Pay For Consultation via Telephone and Electronic Communications
South Florida Caucus

House Action: Adopted Substitute Resolution 12-403 in lieu of original Resolution 12-403.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association, through its delegation to the American Medical Association, request the AMA to petition the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide a fee for the existing codes for reimbursement to physicians for telephone and electronic communications.

Update: Resolution filed AMA I-12; AMA Res 12-806 reaffirmed existing policy.

***Resolution 12-404**
Unfair Medicare Payment Practice

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for study and action.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association, through its delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA), petition the AMA to seek legislation to fairly compensate physicians for office procedures.

Board Action: Board referred to AMA Delegation; AMA Delegation filed Resolution 112 at the 2013 AMA Annual Meeting – AMA HOD referred.

***Resolution 12-405**
Preauthorization Amendment

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association recommend that when a qualified licensed medical practitioner recommends a generic medication, no preauthorization process should be required by an insurance payer; and further that if an insurance payer insists on preauthorization of a generic medication, the insurance payer will be required to compensate fairly the medical practitioner in a manner that reflects the practitioner time and expense taken away from clinical practice and service to patients and also be required to pay within 10 days of receipt of claim and set up proper electronic CPT code for submission using the current electronic medical billing system.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Medical Services and Health Care Delivery Innovation and it continues to be reviewed.

Resolution 12-406
Eliminate ICD-10

House Action: Adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, That in order to alleviate the increasing bureaucratic and financial burden on physicians, the Florida Medical Association (FMA) and the American Medical Association should vigorously advocate that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services eliminate the implementation of ICD-10 and instead wait for the adoption of ICD-11, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA send a letter to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation to seek their support of the elimination of ICD-10.

Update: Resolution filed AMA I-12 – AMA Resolution 12-209 was adopted as amended

***Resolution 12-407**

Separation of Hospital Services from Medical Staff Privileges – A New Variant of “Economic Credentialing”

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for action

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) work with the Florida Legislature to pass legislation requiring that hospitals not be allowed to deny access to hospital services to physicians with appropriate medical staff privileges, thereby rendering such privileges functionally meaningless; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA inform the American Medical Association (AMA) in writing about this new malicious variation of “economic credentialing”, and strongly encourage the AMA to deploy legal resources to stop the spread of this new approach by hospital administrators to control physicians for economic reasons, and to communicate with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and federal regulators and lawmakers to end this new method of economic interference with the physician-patient relationship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA delegation to the AMA employ whatever methods are appropriate at the AMA Interim Meeting to increase awareness of this critical issue and to assist in making this resolution a high priority of the AMA.

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Legislation; Board approved Council’s recommendation and voted to Not Adopt 12-407; and further approved exploring the ability of a hospital to circumvent the independent medical staff bylaws.

***Resolution 12-408**

Collective Bargaining as a FMA Priority Issue

House Action: Reaffirmed existing FMA policy in lieu of Resolution 12-408.

Update: Reaffirmed 480.001 and P 480.004

Resolution 12-409

Triple Aim

House Action: Adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association develop and implement educational programs for physicians to understand opportunities for engagement in Triple Aim Initiatives.

Update: Key FMA staff continue to review the opportunities and challenges that the Triple Aim Initiative will bring for physicians (Improving the patient experience of care including quality and satisfaction; Improving the health of populations; and Reducing the per capita cost of health care). The FMA recently sponsored an Insurance Summit which featured brief presentations from representatives from many of the major insurance carriers in Florida. Of particular note was a keynote address by Jonathan Gavras, M.D., Senior Vice President of Delivery System and Chief Medical Officer for Florida Blue. He addressed some of these opportunities and challenges in his presentation. The FMA will continue to look for ways to educate physicians about the Triple Aim Initiative.

***Resolution 12-410**

Mechanism for State Health Insurance Exchange

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for study and report back.

RESOLVED, That the State of Florida executive and legislative branches of government be advised by the Florida Medical Association to establish a study committee to develop the mechanisms for starting a state health insurance exchange, an enrollment mechanism in health insurance for this group, and other tools to bring Florida state laws in alignment with federal laws when the Supreme Court satisfies the state's challenge to the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Board Action: Board referred to Council on Legislation; Board approved Council's recommendation to Not Adopt; Recommendation presented in Board Report C-2013 FMA House of Delegates.

Resolution 12-411
Improving Medicine Approval for Patients with Restrictive Insurance
Company Formularies (ie. Medicaid)

House Action: Adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association will communicate with and encourage insurance companies to identify what equivalent class medicine is on their formulary when they reject or deny a medicine.

Update: Ongoing