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Action of Recommendations from the Board of Governors

Board Recommendation A-1 2016 FMA Policy Review – Reaffirmation and Sunset

House Action: Policies were reaffirmed and sunset as presented in the original report.

Board Recommendation A-2 Resolution 23-118, Opposition of Conversion Therapy for Gender Dysphoria

Board of Governors Recommendation: Resolution 23-118 be not adopted

House Action: Adopted BOG Recommendation

RESOLVED, The FMA reject the use of “gender affirming care” and encourage the use of the more appropriate terminology gender identity conversion therapy; be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA support the current position of the Florida Board of Medicine, the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine, and current Florida law to oppose the use of gender identity conversion therapy in children.

Board Recommendation B-1 CHAPTER VI

Board of Governors Recommendation: That the FMA Bylaws be amended to change the composition of the FMA Board of Governors by eliminating the parliamentarian, the Medical Group Management Association member, and one of the public members with the remaining public member serving a one-year term.

House Action: Adopted the Board of Governors Recommendation to amend the FMA Bylaws

Section 1. COMPOSITION

The Board of Governors shall consist of the following members who shall have been elected by the House of Delegates:

- FMA President



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- FMA President-Elect
- FMA Vice President
- FMA Secretary
- FMA Treasurer
- FMA Immediate Past President
- FMA Speaker
- FMA Vice Speaker
- One representative from each medical district
- A resident physician
- A young physician who is a member of the Young Physician's Section
- A representative of the Primary Care Specialty Societies
- A representative of the Medical Specialties and Subspecialties
- A representative of the Surgical Specialties and Subspecialties

The Board of Governors shall also consist of the following:

- The Chair of the Florida Medical Association Delegation to the AMA, unless such person is already occupying a position on the Board of Governors, in which case the Vice Chair of the Florida Medical Association Delegation to the AMA shall be a member of the Board
- The Chair of the FMA Specialty Society Section, unless such person is already occupying a position on the Board of Governors, in which case the Vice Chair of the FMA Specialty Society Section shall be a member of the Board.
- The President of the FMA PAC, unless such person is already occupying a position on the Board of Governors, in which case the President-Elect of the FMA PAC shall be a member of the Board.
- The Chair of the FMA Council on Legislation, unless such person is already occupying a position on the Board of Governors, in which case the Vice-Chair of the FMA Council on Legislation shall be a member of the Board.
- A medical student, elected by the FMA Medical Student Section Executive Committee, for a term of one year.

The Board of Governors shall also consist of the following members who shall be appointed by the FMA President, for a term of one year, and approved by the Board of Governors:

- An at-large member;
- One representative of the Council of Florida Medical School Deans, provided that the representative must be from an institution with full active membership in the FMA;
- ~~A Parliamentarian, who must be an FMA member;~~ and
- One representative of the Council of Florida Medical Society Executives.



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The Board of Governors shall also consist of ~~two~~ one public members, who shall be appointed by the FMA President, for a term of ~~two~~ one years, and approved by the Board of Governors. ~~Each~~ The public member shall be an individual who does not possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent, and shall not be a medical student. ~~The public members shall serve staggered terms so that one and only one is appointed each year.~~

The Board of Governors may also consist of the following non-voting members, for a term of one year, as appointed by the FMA President, and approved by the Board of Governors at its discretion:

- ~~• One representative from the Florida Medical Group Management Association~~
- A representative of the Florida Department of Health
- A representative of the Florida Board of Medicine

Board Recommendation D-1

Resolution 23-406, Non-Emergent Treatment of Patients in an Outpatient Environment

Board of Governors Recommendation: That Resolution 23-406 be adopted as amended

House Action: Adopted Board of Governors Recommendation

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation that will restore free-market principles and patient responsibility to health care delivery in the State of Florida through the following measures:

- ~~1. Eliminate closed panels by insurance carriers enabling patients to choose any willing provider for the medical services they seek and require;~~
2. Requires insurance carriers to provide their insureds a detailed overview of the insurance benefit they are purchasing that details the allowable amount the policy will reimburse specific medical services and the manner in which all out-of-pocket payments will be applied to any patient responsibility requirements;
- ~~3. Requires facilities and health care practitioners to provide all charges for non-emergent medical services to patients electronically or in print before the patient chooses to proceed with the care;~~
- ~~4. Eliminate the balance billing prohibition in the Health Maintenance Organization insurance statutes in the state, thereby restoring the freedom for patients to pay for health care services in excess of the reimbursement allowable included in their insurance policy.~~



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Resolution 24-101
Amend Prescription Off-Label Medication
Liudmila Buell, M.D.

House Action: **Adopted as amended**

RESOLVED, P 130.025 be amended to read as follows:

P 130.025 PRESCRIPTION OFF-LABEL MEDICATION

The FMA shall adopt the following policy on physician off-label prescribing of medications:

1. Off-label prescribing of medications is necessary to the practice of medicine.
2. The FMA is opposed to the **undue** interference ~~by non-medical entities~~ in the physician-patient relationship by restricting a physician's ability to prescribe medications off-label.
3. The FMA affirms American Medical Association Policy H-120.988, Patient Access to Treatments Prescribed by Their Physicians.

Public Policy Compendium: P 130.025 updated

Resolution 24-102
Increasing Physician Engagement and Bringing Transparency to ACGME
Emerald Coast Medical Association

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision, **not adopted**

RESOLVED, The FMA send a letter to ACGME requesting the following changes to their policies and procedures: allow physicians who have sought alternative certification to ABMS be considered equivalent to physicians who have ABMS certification, allow any interested member of the public to attend residency review committee meetings and that these committees publish meeting minutes that allow for adequate transparency on the decisions made, and that objective measures be clearly defined for what constitutes a major deficiency and what constitutes a program's accreditation being withheld or revoked; be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA send a letter to ACGME based on recent findings that subjective ratings have no impact on patient outcomes and that residency training and competency refocus on objective criteria designed to improve residents performance on certification exam pass rates; be it further



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RESOLVED, The FMA through its AMA Delegation submit a resolution to the next AMA meeting asking for these changes to the ACGME's policies and procedures.

[October 2024:](#) The author was invited to present brief testimony. The decision was made that the resolution lacked supporting data and did not provide solutions for determining competency to practice or teach students and residents. After a robust discussion, the Board decided to not adopt the resolution.

Resolution 24-103

Removing Antiracism and Social Justice Initiatives from the FMA and Medical Education
Emerald Coast Medical Association

House Action: Not adopted

RESOLVED, The FMA issue a statement that diversity, equity, and inclusion policies based on the concepts of antiracism and unconscious bias are having a negative effect on medical education; be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA through the Council of Medical College Deans make it clear that DEI and social justice initiatives be removed from the curriculum in Florida's medical schools; be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA adopt as policy that diversity, equity, and inclusion is a malignant concept in medicine and is antithetical to academic excellence in healthcare.

Resolution 24-104

Destigmatizing the Language of Addiction
FMA Medical Student Section

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association will encourage the use of non-stigmatizing terminology regarding substance use and addiction among all physicians and Florida healthcare facilities by connecting them to educational resources (i.e. websites, educational videos, podcasts, etc.).

[Public Policy Compendium: P 125.005](#)



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Resolution 24-105

Encouraging the Use of Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children to Reduce Childhood Food Insecurity

FMA Medical Student Section

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association will support Florida's participation in the Summer Electronics Benefits Transfer for Children program and similar programs to reduce childhood food insecurity across the state.

Public Policy Compendium: P 420.048

August 2024: The Board was given an overview of the federal program by FMA staff. After detailed discussion, the Board of Governors decided against a letter of support for the program and the resolution was defeated.

Resolution 24-106

Reducing the Impact of Parental Leave on Medical Residents

FMA Medical Student Section

House Action: **Adopted as amended**

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association supports **paid parental leave.** ~~legislation that encourages paid parental leave for medical residents, including mothers and fathers, adoptive parents, and those who have given birth; be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association supports legislation that protects medical residents who take parental leave from experiencing professional detriment, including loss of fellowship or job opportunities, due to taking parental leave; be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association supports rolling medical board examination dates to accommodate residents who finish training later than normal due to parental leave.~~

Public Policy Compendium: P 440.005



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Resolution 24-107

Empowering Medical Students to Better Care for Patients with Disabilities

FMA Medical Student Section

House Action: **Adopted as amended**

RESOLVED, That our FMA affirms American Medical Association policy H-90.968, Medical Care of Persons with Disabilities ~~calls upon medical schools to improve their disability curriculum and actively promotes didactic, hands-on, and simulation-based training for medical school students in caring for people with disabilities, which includes but is not limited to hi-lo examination tables, Hoyer lifts, appropriate weighing scales, and mammography machines.~~

Public Policy Compendium: P 320.004

Resolution 24-108

PFAS Education and Mitigation

Ron Saff, M.D. Todd L. Sack, M.D. FACP

House Action: **Adopted as amended**

RESOLVED, that the Florida Medical Association provides resources to physicians about PFAS and its effects on health; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association recommends that physicians educate their patients about health risks of PFAS; ~~be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association recommends that in areas of the state where Floridians are drinking water with PFAS levels that exceed EPA standards, that these Floridians be encouraged to filter their tap water until such time as water is purified by water utilities or other entities to safe limits per then current EPA standards.~~

Public Policy Compendium: P 420.049

October 2024: This resolution was referred to the Council on Education, Science and Public Health for implementation. The council recommended that the FMA seek the advice or partnership of the AMA. The council also recommended that the FMA undertake a campaign that includes infographics, targeted messages in FMA News, the FMA website, CME webinars, or an informational session at future meetings. The FMA Board of Governors voted not to accept the council's recommendation.

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Resolution 24-109
Halt Distribution of Covid-19 mRNA Shots
Sheri Weinstein, M.D.

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision, **not adopted**

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports halting the distribution and administration of these Covid-19 shots.

[February 2025:](#) This resolution was referred to the Council on Education, Science, and Public Health for review. The author was invited to provide a brief testimony. The council reviewed supporting documentation that supported both sides of the issue and related FMA policies. It was determined that the resolution lacked supporting data and was not consistent with FMA policy related to vaccines. The FMA Board of Governors voted to accept the council's recommendation.

Resolution 24-111
FMA Support of a Contingent Blood Supply in Florida
Florida Chapter, American College of Surgeons, Florida Vascular Society

House Action: **Adopted**

RESOLVED, That the FMA support a system for contingent blood supply in the State of Florida.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 60.002](#)

Resolution 24-201
Increasing Participation in FMA Council and Committees by Using Remote Access
Emerald Coast Medical Association

House Action: **Adopted as amended**

RESOLVED, That all meetings of the FMA **and FMA PAC**, except the Board of Governors meetings and the annual House of Delegates meeting, be held using a remote option allowing dial-in and/or video conferencing capabilities.

[Governance & Operations Policy Compendium: G 40.007](#)



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Resolution 24-202

Amendment 4

Diane T. Gowski, MD

House Action: Not adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association opposes Amendment 4 which is on the November 2024 ballot in Florida.

Resolution 24-206

Restoring Trust in the Medical Profession

Diane T. Gowski, MD

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision

RESOLVED, That the Board of Governors study and report back on the precipitous decline in physician trust revealed by the Peris et. al study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association on July 31, 2024.

Resolution 24-301

Prohibiting Covenants Not-To-Compete in Physician Contracts

Polk County Medical Association, Florida Academy of Family Physicians

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association support policies, regulations, and legislation that prohibits covenants not-to-compete for all physicians in practice who hold employment contracts with for-profit or non-profit hospitals, hospital systems, or staffing company employers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association oppose the use of restrictive covenants not-to-compete as a contingency of employment for any physician-in-training, regardless of the ACGME accreditation status of the residency/fellowship training program.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 283.026](#)

[Legislative Compendium: L 20.061](#)



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Resolution 24-302

Balancing Corporate Influences in Medical Practice

Steven Reid, M.D. and Angeli Maun Akey, M.D.

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision

RESOLVED, That in regards to the corporatization of medical practices:

1. Disclosure and Transparency:
 - The FMA encourages all medical practices, hospitals, and healthcare facilities to disclose any ownership or financial ties with corporations, private equity firms, or other external entities.
 - Physicians and healthcare providers should inform patients about any corporate affiliations that may impact their care decisions.
2. Conflict of Interest Mitigation:
 - The FMA will establish clear guidelines to prevent conflicts of interest arising from corporate influence.
 - Physicians and healthcare providers should avoid situations where financial interests compromise patient care.
3. Limiting Corporate Control:
 - The FMA encourages enacting legislation to limit the extent of corporate control over medical practices and healthcare facilities.
 - Private equity firms should not dictate patient treatment, staffing decisions, or operational policies within medical practices.
4. Patient-Centered Care:
 - The FMA will prioritize patient well-being over corporate profits.
 - Physicians should advocate for evidence-based practices and patient-centered care, regardless of corporate pressures.
5. Ethical Guidelines for Corporate Engagement:
 - The FMA will develop and disseminate ethical guidelines for engaging with corporations.
 - These guidelines will address issues such as marketing practices, research collaboration, and financial arrangements.
6. Advocacy for Legislation:
 - The FMA will actively lobby for legislation that limits corporate influence on healthcare delivery.
 - Legislation should address issues related to ownership, billing practices, and quality of care.



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7. Monitoring and Enforcement:

- The FMA will establish mechanisms to monitor compliance with these guidelines.
- Violations should be reported and addressed promptly to maintain professional integrity.

Resolution 24-303

Seek Model Legislation in Florida for The Use Of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare

Hillsborough County Medical Association

House Action: **Adopted as amended**

RESOLVED, the Florida Medical Association seek **support** legislation which would prohibit any healthcare entity from making health-related decisions regarding the care of patients based solely on the use of artificial intelligence; and

RESOLVED, the Florida Medical Association seek **support** legislation whereby ~~healthcare professionals~~ **Florida-licensed physicians** would be required to review and be the final decision makers in any decision or recommendations made by artificial intelligence; and

RESOLVED, the Florida Medical Association ~~seek legislation whereby any board or organization responsible for the licensing of healthcare professionals make rules and standards which oversee its members in the use of AI in medical decision-making.~~ **support legislation that gives the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine the authority to promulgate rules regulating the use of Artificial Intelligence.**

Public Policy Compendium: P 220.018

Legislative Compendium: L 20.062



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Resolution 24-304

Support for Group Prenatal Care

Veronica M. Alvarez-Galiana, American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG)

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That our FMA advocate for **support** policies and programs to help promote the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based group prenatal care programs in Florida.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 420.050](#)

Resolution 24-305

Kidney Donation for Florida Patients

Duval County Medical Society

House Action: Adopt

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association Delegation to the American Medical Association Interim 2024 HOD Meeting actively support a resolution or resolutions consistent with FMA and AMA policies regarding national legislative efforts which will increase both living and deceased organ donation.

[There were no resolutions introduced at the AMA Interim 2024 HOD meeting on organ donation.](#)

Resolution 24-306

Facilitating Leveraging Patients to Aid in Our Legislative Efforts and Multiplying Our Voices

Northeast Florida Caucus

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) develop a tool/website that can simplify the process of patients sending their complaints to their specific legislators by facilitating to which legislator to send based on their zip code or address, to both Senate and House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this tool or website has pre-written verbiage in regard to the most common complaints, for example, prior authorization; and be it further



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RESOLVED, That the FMA create a QR code that can be displayed in physicians' offices to refer patients on how to address and send their concerns to their specific legislators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA actively communicates this QR code to their members in the newsletter at least, three times per year.

October 2024: This resolution was referred to the Council on Legislation who considered it during their October meeting. After a presentation, debate and a failed motion to oppose, this matter was tabled and will be considered again during the May COL meeting.

Resolution 24-307

Stationing Naloxone at Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) Locations

FMA Medical Student Section

House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for decision; **adopted**

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association supports legislation to promote the availability of naloxone at AED locations.

October 2024: The resolution was reviewed by the Council on Legislation on behalf of the Board of Governors. The Council discussed the resolution at length and staff confirmed the topic was broad enough to guide discussions during the legislative session. The Board of Governors concurred and voted to adopt the resolution.

Resolution 24-308

Acheta Powder

Diane Gowski, M.D.

House Action: **Not adopted**

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports legislation that food products containing insects, including Acheta powder (crickets) need to be labeled as "insect -containing " or list its common insect name to increase transparency to consumers given the potential for adverse health or allergen risks.



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Resolution 24-309
Prohibition of Lab-Grown Meat in Florida
Diane Gowski, M.D.

House Action: Not adopted

RESOLVED, That FMA supports prohibition of the sale of lab-grown (bioengineered) meat in Florida (recently enacted into Florida law).

Resolution 24-310
Halt the Use of mRNA Technology in Food
Sheri Weinstein, M.D.

House Action: Not adopted

RESOLVED, That FMA support legislation prohibiting use of mRNA and other gene therapy in livestock and the general food supply or at minimum make it mandatory to label all food products that have gene or mRNA therapy.

Resolution 24-311
Halt Climate Manipulation
Sheri Weinstein, M.D.

House Action: Not adopted

RESOLVED, That FMA support legislation to halt cloud-seeding, geo-engineering and other climate manipulation.



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Resolution 24-312
Pharmacy/Dispensing Reporting to the FLORIDA PDMP
Northeast Florida Caucus

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association study and report back to the House of Delegates the rate of adherence to the reporting requirements of the E-FORCSE Program by dispensers within the State of Florida including military base pharmacies and the feasibility of requiring those entities that currently administer controlled substances directly to a patient be included in the reporting requirements.

Resolution 24-401
Freestanding Emergency Departments
Emerald Coast Medical Association

House Action: Adopted with substituted language

That the FMA monitor the Agency for Health Care Administration's (agency) implementation of nonemergent care access plan (NCAP) provisions contained in SB 7016, enacted during the 2024 legislative session, requiring all hospitals with a FED to submit to the agency for approval, NCAPs for assisting patients to gain access to appropriate care settings when they present with nonemergent health care needs.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 155.006](#)

Resolution 24-402
Holding UnitedHealth Group Accountable
Angeli Maun Akey, MD and Steven Reid, MD

House Action: Adopted as amended

~~RESOLVED, That the FMA works to hold UnitedHealth Group financially accountable for damages incurred to physicians and their practices by their CHANGE cyberattack 2/21/2024; and be it further~~



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RESOLVED, That the FMA works with **the AMA and** CONGRESS to ~~acknowledge that the UnitedHealth Group conglomerate is too large and is involved in too many facets of healthcare and needs to be divided into smaller companies, similar to the breakup of American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T)~~ **study and address the impact of vertical integration in healthcare.**

[Public Policy Compendium: P 385.015](#)

Resolution 24-403

Improving Refugee Access and Utilization of Healthcare Resources

FMA Medical Student Section

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association supports state, local, and community programs and legislation promoting education about existing low-cost health-care plans, including Medicaid, refugee medical assistance (RMA), and children's health insurance program (CHIP), that provides coverage for refugees; be it further

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association supports legislation that promotes and expands Refugee Health Case management and interpreter services to aid refugees in navigating healthcare in Florida.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 260.058](#)

[Legislative Compendium: L 25.074](#)

Resolution 24-404

Freestanding Emergency Department Regulation

Hillsborough County Medical Association

House Action: Adopt as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association request information from the Agency for Health Care Administration regarding any incidents in which patient care has been compromised by inappropriate patient transfers from hospital-based off-campus emergency departments to the hospital's main facility, and whether such action resulted in disciplinary action against the hospital for a violation of Florida Statute section 395.1041 (3)(e); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association seek **support** legislation to amend s.



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395.1041(3)(e) if the data establishes that hospitals are inappropriately utilizing the “another prior arrangement” language of s. 395.104(3)(e) to avoid medically necessary patient transfers to the geographically closest hospital with service capability in favor of sending the patient to the hospital’s own facility; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation to require that any new hospital-based off-campus emergency departments be located only in underserved areas.~~

[Public Policy Compendium: P 155.007](#)

[Legislative Compendium: L 20.063](#)

Resolution 24-405

Conditioning Coverage on the Outcome of an Evaluation or Diagnosis

South Florida Caucus

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation that requires insurance companies to cover the costs of a non-emergent evaluation or a diagnostic exam when a physician is responding to a request need for examination or diagnosis ~~from~~ for an insured patient, ~~regardless of the outcome of the evaluation or diagnostic exam~~ when documentation of adequate medical necessity is met.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 260.059](#)

[Legislative Compendium: L 30.034](#)

Resolution 24-406

Shrinking Medicare Advantage Networks

South Florida Caucus, Florida Society of Rheumatology

House Action: Adopt

RESOLVED, That the FMA conduct a study of shrinking Medicare Advantage Networks in Florida, how narrowing networks affect physician practices, affect network adequacy, affect patient wait times, disrupt patient's treatments, harm created by disruption of care, and keep network lists as they often are not accurate and confuse patients when choosing plans; be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will make any study findings that suggest shrinking Medicare

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Advantage networks harm patient care available to CMS or CMS advisory boards that monitor or hold accountable insurance companies involved in narrowing their Medicare Advantage Networks.

[October 2024:](#) It was noted that the AMA has already completed a study of Medicare Advantage Network Adequacy. Therefore, FMA staff will contact them to find out what additional information can be obtained.

24-407

Accountability for Insurance Companies Employees Practicing Medicine South Florida Caucus

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) seeks **support** legislation to amend Florida Statutes Title XXXII Chapter 458.305 Medical Practice Definitions to include medical peer review, utilization review or diagnostic services that directly influence patient care, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute already set forth in the statutes.

[Public Policy Compendium: P 260.060](#)

[Legislative Compendium: L 20.064](#)

Resolution 24-408

Study the Extent and Effects of Private Equity (PE) in the Physician Workforce in Florida South Florida Caucus

House Action: Adopt

RESOLVED, Our FMA create and share a comprehensive report of The Current State of Private Equity (PE) in Physician Practices in Florida, including its effects on individual physicians and on the physician workforce utilizing an FMA Workforce Survey and DOH workforce data including:

- Percentage of physicians currently practicing within a corporate structure, and more specifically within a PE corporate structure,
- Potential for (or presence of) anticompetitive behavior/market dominance from consolidation of physician practices,
- Discrepancies, if any, in the utilization of nonphysician practitioners (NPPs), both in number and capacity, between PE and non-PE groups,
- Trends in FMA membership levels of physicians employed by PE and non-PE entities, and



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- Differences, if any, in professional satisfaction (including autonomy, productivity demands, current and future income potential, partnership opportunity, and preservation of quality care) between physicians employed by PE groups and those that are not, and
- Differences, if any, in training of residents and fellows including the number and variety of procedures, professional satisfaction, and the frequency and quality of didactics between physicians employed by PE and those that are not.

Resolution 24-409

Accountability for Change Health, Optum and United Healthcare

Physicians Society of Central Florida

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) actively join and support the American Medical Association (AMA) in pursuing a class action lawsuit against Optum, United Health Group, and Change Health to recoup the damages from the disruption caused by the breach, and to distribute additional gains received by Optum to the practices whose retained payments allowed them to generate interest and investment profits.

Resolution 24-410

Expanding Medicaid and Physician Reimbursement in Florida

Medical Student Section

House Action: Adopted with substituted language

RESOLVED, that P 300.028 Healthcare Access to all Floridians Medicaid Reform HMO/PSN Statewide Expansion and Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Through Federal Funding be reaffirmed as existing policy.

[Public Policy Compendium: Reaffirmed 300.028](#)