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Board Recommendation A-1
2011 FMA Policy Review – Reaffirmation and Sunset

**House Action:** Adopted policies to reaffirm and sunset as presented in original report.

Board Recommendation A-2
Resolution 18-103 Protection of Physician Communication
(2018 House of Delegates)

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, That our Florida Delegation to the American Medical Association will submit a resolution to study and evaluate those issues involving prohibitions placed on physician communication that prevent physicians from providing excellent care to their patients, their families, and themselves; and be it further

RESOLVED, The resolution will make recommendations protecting physicians who professionally use information and their knowledge to optimize care for patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, The resolution should include a provision that will, when necessary, employ the services of our Litigation Center to protect affected physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the resolution should include the right of physician communication be evaluated by our American Medical Association’s Council of Ethical and Judicial Affairs, and be clearly incorporated in to our Code of Medical Ethics.

Board Recommendation A-3
Resolution 18-114, Sober Houses and Needle Exchange Programs
(2018 House of Delegates)

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association work with the Florida Department of Health to standardize policies and procedures that will encourage community support and appropriate regulation and placement of sober houses and needle exchange programs utilizing statistical evidence and strategic placement to optimize the positive impact and minimize the negative impact to surrounding communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association advises the state legislature to consider providing an avenue for local engagement from elected officials, law enforcement and the community at-large prior to the development of new sober homes and needle exchange programs, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association send a letter to each county commission in the state recommending support of the development of sober houses and needle exchange programs following
the recommendations to be articulated by the Florida Department of Health related to appropriate placement and community involvement.

Board Recommendation A-4
Resolution 18-116, Step 2 – Transfer of Jurisdiction Over Required Clinical Skills Examinations to US Medical Schools
(2018 House of Delegates)

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support the American Medical Association’s efforts to eliminate the Step 2 Clinical Skills component of the United States Medical Licensing Examination for graduates of Liaison Committee on Medical Education-accredited medical schools.

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislation to eliminate Step 2 Clinical Skills from the requirements for licensure.

Board Recommendation A-5
Resolution 18-313, Minimizing Lead in School Drinking Water
(2018 House of Delegates)

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports statewide legislation to mandate that all Florida schools, kindergartens, pre-schools, and child care centers filter their drinking water and ice machines with NSF/ANSI filters or an equivalent technology for lead removal and that these filters be maintained and changed on a regularly scheduled basis per manufacturer’s recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports the AMA in seeking federal legislation that changes the EPA’s lead in drinking water action level from parts per billion to 1 part per billion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports the training of school officials to raise awareness of the potential occurrences, causes, and health effects of lead in drinking water; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports open communication with students, parents, school board staff, and the larger community including physicians about monitoring programs, potential risks, the results of testing, and remediation actions.

Board Recommendation B-1
Bylaws Amendment, Chapter VI, Board of Governors, Section 1. Composition

House Action: Adopted

This recommendation allows for the creation of an additional public member on the Board of Governors, who shall be appointed by the FMA President, for a term of two years, and approved by the Board of Governors. Each 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.
Board Recommendation C-1  
Resolution 18-301, FMA Campaign Initiative to Protect Public Safety  
(2018 House of Delegates)

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Delegation to the American Medical Association submit a resolution that accomplish the following:

- Initiate a campaign and work with organizations to strengthen laws to protect citizens from misuse of firearms; and

- That assault rifles such as A.R. 15's and AK 47 and automatic weapons, would be declared illegal except when the owner has a federally issued certificate of competence; and

- Firearms could not be purchased by an individual under the age of 21; minors under the age of 21 could use a firearm when accompanied by a gun licensed adult; and

- Individuals currently in possession of firearms would have to register them and submit to the same prerequisites as individuals purchasing firearms. There would be an amnesty period of one year before fines and punishment would be determined by the courts; and

- Firearms to no longer be purchased at gun shows – except from licensed dealers; individual transfer of firearms would require registration with local and federal authorities and be sold only to a person licensed to possess a firearm; and

- The sale of “partially prepared” weapons, those parts that are currently unregistered, would be prohibited; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association would instruct its Delegation to the American Medical Association to seek adoption of these resolves at the Interim -2018 AMA meeting, to become policy of the American Medical Association.

Board Recommendation C-2  
Resolution 18-309, Creation of Maintenance of a Database Between Mental Health Professionals and FDLE  
(2018 House of Delegates)

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation for the creation of a funded and staffed phone or online entity, to the Department within the FDLE that provides the background DATA for new gun purchases, allowing information from qualified healthcare providers to flow into the Registry and to be able to place certain patients who are deemed high risk for self-harm or harm to others on a “No Sell/No possession List” for firearm purchases or ownership; be it further
RESOLVED, That the FMA also mandate the legislation includes a funded connectivity between the schools’ mental health system and the outside mental healthcare programs so to assure a better follow up on any suggested or mandated outside mental health assessments for students, even if recently graduated, if they have demonstrated concerning thoughts, behavior, or public display, by any method that suggests homicidal or suicidal ideation.

Board Recommendation D-1
Resolution 17-410, Physician Right to Decline Supervision of Non-Physician Clinicians
(2017 House of Delegates)

**House Action:** Adopted substitute language

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms its support for physician-led, team-based care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA recognizes that physicians who supervise APRNs and PAs have the freedom to address the quality of their supervised APRNs and PAs, without fear of retribution by their employers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA provide education and guidance to physicians who might be required to supervise APRNs and PAs as a condition of employment.
Resolution 19-101
Local Safe Kid Coalition
John J. Lanza, MD, PhD, MPH, FAAP, FHPS

**House Action:** Adopted

RESOLVED, That the FMA supports the development of local Safe Kids coalitions that provide leadership in their communities and work to reduce unintentional childhood injury and death by identifying and targeting the most common injury problems in their local areas, and, by combining the resources of their diverse membership, they can plan and implement strategies to address those problems by educating adults and children, creating safe environments, conducting research, and by advocating for effective policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA encourages physicians to partner with their local Safe Kids coalitions that are reaching out to their communities with injury prevention messages, safety devices, and hands-on training.

Resolution 19-102
Initial Assessment and Treatment Recommendations by Specialists
Amaryllis Wohlever Sanchez, M.D.

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

RESOLVED, that the FMA communicate to the various specialty societies, either directly or through their representatives, the concern regarding the increasing and, at times, risky use of nurse practitioners and physician assistants for initial evaluation of patients referred to specialist physicians, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the FMA encourage the various specialty societies to develop and adopt appropriate clinical guidelines to ensure patients referred to specialist physicians have their initial assessment, diagnostic evaluation, and formulation of a treatment plan performed by the specialty physician rather than a non-physician practitioner.

Resolution 19-103
Education Regarding Recreational Marijuana
Palm Beach County Medical Society

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, The FMA Committee on Medical Education, Science, & Public Health compile data on medical marijuana and the cost in terms of increased accidents, suicides, ER visits, productivity and increased insurance premiums.

Resolution 19-104
FMA Endorsement of ABMS Vision for The Future Commission Final Report
Florida Academy of Family Physicians
*House Action: Referred to the Board of Governors for study and report back

RESOLVED, The FMA send a letter to the ABMS by August 31, 2019, urging it, and its subsidiary boards, to move quickly to:

- implement the specifics and the spirit of the ABMS Vision for the Future Final Report regarding Assessment Recommendation which states “Continuing certification must change to incorporate longitudinal and other innovative formative assessment strategies that support learning, identify knowledge and skills gaps, and help diplomates stay current. The ABMS Boards must offer an alternative to burdensome highly-secure, point-in-time examinations of knowledge.”
- abandon Continued Certification processes characterized by high-stakes summative outcomes (pass/fail examinations), specified timeframes for high-stakes assessment, or require burdensome testing formats (such as testing centers or remote proctoring) that are inconsistent with the desired goals for continuing certification,
- develop innovative formative Continued Certification processes grounded in adult learning principles (e.g. frequent, spaced learning with timely feedback; repeated for reinforcement; gap analysis to aid focus) and support diplomates in their commitment to continuing professional development aimed at keeping current and improving patient care, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA submit a resolution at the 2019 AMA Interim Meeting requesting the AMA to send a similar letter to the ABMS by November 30, 2019.

Resolution 19-105
Advertisement of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems
Medical Student Section, Orange County Medical Society, Seminole County Medical Society

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

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support the prohibition of electronic nicotine delivery system advertisements on websites and online/mobile applications that are directed towards minors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support the prohibition of billboard ads for tobacco products, including electronic nicotine delivery systems, on any outdoor billboard located within 1,000 feet of a school or public playground.

Resolution 18-106
Opposing Sexual Orientation Therapy
Medical Student Section

House Action: Adopted as amended
RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association oppose the practice of **imposed** sexual orientation change efforts, *often termed conversion therapy*, directed toward minors.

**Resolution 19-107**  
**FMA Support for Removing Barriers for Medicare Patients to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act**  
Florida Chapter, American College of Surgeons; American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, District XII; Florida Society of Clinical Oncology; Florida Society of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons; Florida Society of Ophthalmology; Florida Society of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck; Florida Society of Pathologists; Florida Vascular Society

*House Action: Adopted*

RESOLVED, that the Florida Medical Association send letters urging support and co-sponsorship of the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act (HR 1570/S 668) to each member of the Florida Congressional delegation.

**Resolution 19-108**  
**Online Database for Physicians and Patients Interested in Stem Cell Therapy**  
Benjamin Kaplan, M.D.

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

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association create standard criteria that will evaluate the training and expertise of physicians that provide high quality, reputable, and trustworthy stem cell therapies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association create an online database that will direct physicians and patients to those physicians that meet the criteria established by the Florida Medical Association.

**Resolution 19-109**  
**SUCCESS: Supporting Climate Change Efforts**  
Benjamin Kaplan, M.D.

*House Action: Adopted as amended*

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support and publish place on their website educational resources on the links between environmental degradation and tangible health problems, such as air pollution, insect-borne diseases, and heatstroke.

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislative advocacy, with a focuses legislation that focuses on the health imperative of addressing climate change.

**Resolution 19-201**
NICA Update
Palm Beach County Medical Society

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association request the CFO of NICA provide an up-to-date accounting of the NICA funds for past three years at the FMA Annual Meeting.

**Resolution 19-202**
**Physician Non-Compete**
Polk County Medical Society

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

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association oppose restrictive covenants and non-compete clauses as it applies to physicians.

**Resolution 19-203**
**Educating Members Regarding Legal and Legislative Efforts to End MOC Mandates**
Ellen McKnight, M.D., Escambia County Medical Society

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

RESOLVED, That the FMA develop an educational campaign in the form of a separate, stand alone, comprehensive email, detailing the legal and legislative efforts being made in our state and across the nation, specifically highlighting the legal action currently being taken against ABIM, including the lawsuit being brought by Practicing Physicians of America and The American Association of Physicians and Surgeons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA is committed to educate their members on these legal and legislative matters in order to allow individual members to support these efforts nationwide.

**Resolution 19-204**
**Public Relations Campaign for Florida Physicians**
Collier County Medical Society

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

RESOLVED, That the FMA develop a public relations team to research public attitudes towards physicians in Florida; and be it further

RESOLVED, That research obtained from a public relations study be shared with FMA members so that steps may be taken to improve the public’s perception of physicians through education in medical
schools, residency programs, county medical societies, and state medical academies and associations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA develop a statewide public relations campaign to educate and inform patients of physician value, the scope and cost of such campaign to be determined by the Board of Governors.

Resolution 19-205
Substance Use Disorders Are Not Social History Problems
Florida Psychiatric Society

House Action: Not adopted

RESOLVED, The FMA shall submit the following recommendations to the AMA as a fundamental change in the manner in which medical evaluations are conducted by physicians. The assessment of the substance use history should be recorded in the main body of History and Physicals, Evaluations, and Consultations. For follow-up visits, inquiries into substance use should be obtained and included as part of the Psychiatric section of the Review of Systems. This practice should be encouraged with other medical specialties, and promoted in medical education and graduate medical education.

Resolution 19-206
Composition of the Body of the Medical Staff’s Executive Committee and/or Board of Trustees
Broward County medical Association

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

RESOLVED, That the FMA support legislative or administrative changes to define that the medical staff bylaws in hospitals will require that a majority of the Medical Executive Committee voting members will not be contracted physicians or employed physicians, but rather medical staff members with independent practices without conflict of interest; be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will advocate to the AMA to adopt the right to fair market and transparent economic competition in our communities between hospitals with or without employed physicians and other allied healthcare professionals and independent physicians and groups in the delivery of healthcare services and compensation based on appropriate community need.

Resolution 19-301
Emergency Medical Transport Service Cost Transparency and Equity
Collier County Medical Society

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

RESOLVED, The FMA seek to participate in any further workings of the EMT Working Group of the Insurance Consumer Advocate Office of Florida; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA request the AMA support federal legislation that exempts air ambulance services
from the 1978 Airline Deregulation Act that precludes states from regulating prices, routes, or services of air carriers; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA develop information for consumers including patients and their families of the potential for costly balance billing when choosing EMT services, particularly air ambulance services; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA communicate to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration which has oversight of HMO and EPO network adequacy- the urgency to compel health plans to disclose to consumers the adequacy of their provider networks, specifically, coverage for air-ambulance and ground based EMT; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation that requires full disclosure by licensed EMT providers of their charges and costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation that expands the legislation of HB 221 (2016) that prohibits balance billing for emergency services by out-of-network providers to include EMT.

Resolution 19-302
Gun Violence Control and Public Health
Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Dade County Medical Association

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association support state legislation and future AMA initiatives to ban assault weapons and high capacity ammunition devices, including utilizing currently enacted AMA policy and language in future FMA policies and initiatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association support the passage of legislation to ban the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition devices (as defined by the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act) within the state.

Resolution 19-303
Natural Gas Fracking in Florida to Protect Human Health
Florida Chapter American College of Physicians, Duval County Medical Society, Nassau County Medical Society

*House Action: Referred to Board of Governors for decision

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation prohibiting all types of well stimulation drilling (fracking), including high pressure fracking well stimulation, matrix acidization, acid fracturing, and acid maintenance.

Resolution 19-304
Assure Physician Due-Process in Potential Loss of Privileges
Hillsborough County Medical Society
House Action:  Adopted as amended by substitution

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation that requires all contracts between hospitals and entities providing physician services to contain a provision affording due process rights for all medical staff members when privileges or employment by the entity are at risk.

RESOLVED, The FMA seek legislation which would entitle all physicians who are medical staff members to due process prior to being involuntarily removed from the schedule at a given facility or losing privileges at a given hospital.

Resolution 19-306
Tobacco 21 Legislation
Orange County Medical Association

House Action:  Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association (FMA) support legislation that would raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products and other nicotine delivery devices to 21 years of age.

Resolution 19-307
Medicare Reimbursement Standard for Out-of-Network Medicaid Treatment
Dade County Medical Association

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

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association send a letter to the Governor’s Office and the Agency for Health Care Administration with a request to reconsider their position on not mandating out-of-network physicians receive the same Medicare Level reimbursement rates when treating Pediatric Medicaid Beneficiaries as in-network physicians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association pursues legislation that will mandate that all physicians treating Pediatric Medicaid Beneficiaries shall receive Medicare level reimbursement for their services if the Governor’s Office and Agency for Health Care Administration do not reverse their policy.

Resolution 19-308
Youth Sports Safety Initiative
Florida Orthopaedic Society

House Action:  Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support legislation that will require encourages athletic personnel, including organizers and coaches, to participate in free educational programming focused on traumatic injury, heat illness, concussion, and proper training to prevent or decrease the chance of serious injury prior to being involved in high risk youth athletic activities. (“High-risk youth athletic activity” means any organized sport for children 14 years of age or younger where there is a significant possibility for the
child to sustain a serious physical injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, the sports of football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse.)

Resolution 19-309
CPR Training for Florida High School Students
Florida Chapter ACP

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That FMA support legislation that requires encourage all students to receive hands-on, guidelines-based CPR training in order to graduate before graduating high school.

Resolution 19-310
FMA Support of Bleeding Control Kids in Schools and Public Spaces

House Action: Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association support state legislation to fund the purchase, placement, and maintenance of bleeding control kits in schools and high-trafficked public spaces in Florida.

Resolution 19-311
Clarification of the Duties of Physicians and Pharmacists in Prescribing and Filling Medication
Ellen McKnight, M.D., Escambia County medical Society

House Action: Adopted as amended with title change

Title: Point of Care Medication Dispensing

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms that it is the physician who has the education and skills necessary to put forth a treatment plan which often consists of prescribing medication including opioids; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms the vital role of the pharmacist to fill medically indicated and legally written prescriptions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA affirms that it is not the role of the pharmacist to determine whether a medically indicated and legally written prescription will be filled; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will support legislation which clarifies the recent opioid legislation to enable
physicians to prescribe medications appropriately as we attempt to humanely treat pain; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will survey their members as to the burdens upon physicians as a result of the opioid dispensing law and to the penalties that may been brought against physicians practicing under this law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA will continue to educate their members on point of care dispensing of medications consistent with F.S. 465.0276, Dispensing Practitioner.

Resolution 19-312
The “For Accuracy and Accountability in Clinical Titles” (FACT) Resolution
Florida Society of Anesthesiologists

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That FMA policy oppose any misappropriation of medical specialties' titles; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation that would accomplish the following:

1. Prevents non-physician mid-level providers Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants from using titles and descriptors that are not in line with their state licensure;

2. Prevents non-physician mid-level providers Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants from using descriptors reserved for physicians, either in whole or in part (e.g. “nurse anesthesiologist”, “nurse cardiologist”, or “nurse dermatologist”); and

3. Establish criminal and civil penalties for such acts.

4. Define who may present themselves to a patient, or within a clinical or public setting as a “doctor” and limit to Doctor of Medicine, Osteopathy, Dentist, Chiropractor, Optometrist, or Podiatrist.

RESOLVED, That the FMA refer any violation of this legislation, when passed, to the Attorney General of the State of Florida for appropriate legal action.

Resolution 19-313
Authorization Denial Letter
Hillsborough County Medical Association

House Action: Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association seek legislation mandating the direct involvement of medical directors of third parties/insurance companies with physicians who order a test/procedure/treatment for their patients prior to denying the test/procedure/treatment; and be it further
RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association seek legislation mandating that denial letters cannot
1. **Must include a specific reason for** denial; and the medical director’s signature stamp when he/she did not review the denied case.
2. **Must be hand signed by the medical director.**

**Resolution 19-314**
**Drug Prevention**
South Florida Caucus

**House Action:** Not adopted

RESOLVED, That the FMA encourage the State of Florida to allocate funding in their budget for an effective Ad campaign through television and social media, addressing the “Prevention of Drug Abuse.”

**Resolution 19-315**
**Limit Expansion of Cosmetic, Dermatologic Surgery, and/or Facial Aesthetics**
Broward County Medical Association

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

RESOLVED, The Florida Medical Association shall support legislation to restrict the practice of cosmetic and/or dermatologic surgery and/or facial aesthetics to MDs or DOs unless done by dentists or APRNs under the direct supervision of an MD or DO.

**Resolution 19-316**
**Oppose Elimination of Patient Choice and Physician Prescription Mandates**
Capital Medical Society

**House Action:** Adopted as amended

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association **will monitor and** oppose legislation which would eliminate patients’ ability to choose among pharmacies for purchase of medications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association **will engage in early proactive** and vigorous opposition to future legislation that would restrict physician-issued forms of prescription by hand-writing, telephonic, or electronic means.

**Resolution 19-317**
**Restrictive Covenants**
South Florida Caucus

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

RESOLVED, That the FMA seek legislation that assures restrictive covenants in the state of Florida
a. Do not unreasonably restrict the right of a physician to practice medicine for a specified period of time or in a specified geographic area on termination of a contractual relationship.
b. Do allow for reasonable accommodation for patient’s choice of physician.

Resolution 19-401
Pharmaceutical Pricing Transparency
Florida Society of Rheumatology

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

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association adopt the following policy regarding pharmaceutical pricing transparency:

Drug manufacturers should be required to submit information regarding the wholesale acquisition cost of the drugs they sell, and should be required to disclose certain information when the wholesale acquisition cost increases above a certain threshold.

Pharmacy benefit managers should be required to disclose information on the rebates they collect, including the amount of aggregate rebates and fees collected and the amount passed through to clients and health plan enrollees.

Health plans should be required to disclose the following information for all of their product lines: (1) the names of the 25 most frequently prescribed prescription drugs; (2) the percent increase in annual net spending for prescription drugs; (3) the percent increase in premiums that were attributable to prescription drugs; (4) the percentage of specialty prescription drugs with utilization management requirements; and (5) the premium reductions that were attributable to specialty drug utilization management.

Health insurers should be required to disclose certain information in advance of a premium increase that provides a justification for the increase.

Resolution 19-402
The ASAM Criteria Addiction Treatment Guidelines and ASAM Continuum as Standard for Third Party Payor Reimbursement
Florida Society of Addiction Medicine

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

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association petitions the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, to accept a position statement that supports the established, nationally accepted and recognized treatment guidelines of the various national medical specialty organizations as the standard for third party payor payment criteria, treatment criteria, placement criteria and all additional matters relating to the medical care of patients and strongly discourages the use of other self-created, non-evidence based, non-validated and non-nationally established treatment guidelines.
Resolution 19-403
Medicare for All
Palm Beach County Medical Society

House Action: Adopted as amended by substitution

RESOLVED, that the Florida Medical Association reaffirm its support for a health care system that offers health insurance to all Floridians through an innovative and competitive health care marketplace of both public and private insurers.

RESOLVED, That the FMA inform the public that our association is against Medicare for All.

Resolution 19-404
Inclusion of Medical Students as Recipients of Benefits of Workers Compensation
Medical Student Section

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

RESOLVED, That our Florida Medical Association support legislation that would guarantee medical students at a state medical school the benefits provided by section 440.09, Florida Statutes, if the medical student suffers an accidental compensable injury or death arising out of actions performed in the course and scope of their medical school education.

Resolution 19-405
Effect of Expanding Insurance Coverage
Broward County Medical Association

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

RESOLVED, That the FMA create a document and communicate it to physicians as soon as possible summarizing the implications and potential effects of expanding governmental insurance coverage without responsibly and its downstream effect on the ability of physicians to practice medicine both in hospital and/or the private practice of medicine including, but not limited to reimbursement and regulatory and other costs associated with such governmental insurance; be it further

RESOLVED, That the FMA’s AMA Delegation create a document that can be distributed to physicians as soon as possible summarizing the effects of expanding the governmental insurance coverage as in “Medicare For All” and/or the “Public Option;” be it further

RESOLVED, That the document will be published and made available for physicians to present to patients, national, federal, state and local organizations.