

Resolution 26-201
Modernization of the FMA Model Medical Staff Bylaws
Emerald Coast Medical Association

Whereas, The Florida Medical Association developed its Model Medical Staff Bylaws in 2010 to promote physician self-governance, due process, and patient advocacy within Florida hospitals; and

Whereas, Healthcare has since been transformed by hospital consolidation, employed physician models, advanced practice provider autonomy, telehealth, and AI-driven credentialing and peer review — changes not reflected in the current Model; and

Whereas, These shifts have exposed both employed and independent physicians to economic credentialing, retaliatory peer review, misuse of wellness referrals, and non-transparent algorithmic quality metrics, eroding the foundational protections that allow physicians to advocate freely for their patients; and

Whereas, An updated Model must balance the distinct but equally legitimate needs of employed physicians and those in private practice, ensuring meaningful protections regardless of practice setting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the FMA create a task force to develop model by-laws for use to improve conditions favorable to physicians; addressing telehealth credentialing, advanced practice provider oversight, economic credentialing prohibition, conflicts of interest in peer review, anti-retaliation protections for patient safety advocacy, appropriate separation of wellness and disciplinary proceedings, fair NPDB reporting practices, and due process in AI-driven quality review; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the updated Model be available to Florida hospitals, medical staff, and county and specialty medical societies for voluntary adoption statewide.

Fiscal Note:

Description	Amount	Budget Narrative
25 Staff hours	\$4,250	Can be accomplished with current staff
Total	\$4,250	\$0 added to the operating budget

Fiscal notes are an estimate of the cost to implement a given Resolution. All Resolutions that are adopted by the House of Delegates will be referred to the FMA Committee on Finance and Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

Reference Committee: II – Finance and Administration