

Resolution 26-404

Reimbursement for Electrocardiograms Required for Preparticipation Sports Physicals

Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Whereas, Preparticipation physical evaluations are required to ensure the safety of student-athletes; and

Whereas, Recent Florida law effective July 1, 2026, requires the inclusion of electrocardiograms (EKGs) as part of preparticipation sports physicals; and

Whereas, Pediatricians and other primary care physicians are increasingly responsible for performing and/or interpreting these EKGs in the outpatient setting; and

Whereas, The performance, interpretation, and appropriate follow-up of EKGs require additional physician time, expertise, and potential liability; and

Whereas, There is currently inconsistent or inadequate reimbursement for outpatient EKG services associated with preparticipation sports physicals; and

Whereas, Lack of appropriate reimbursement may create barriers to compliance with state law and limit access to timely, high-quality care for student-athletes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association advocates for adequate and consistent payment by public and private payers for physician-performed and physician-interpreted electrocardiograms conducted as part of mandatory preparticipation sports physical examinations, to ensure that mandated electrocardiographic services do not create unfunded burdens on physicians, particularly pediatricians; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florida Medical Association supports policies that promote equitable access to required preparticipation screening, including appropriate payment structures that do not shift costs to patients or families.

Fiscal Note:

Description	Amount	Budget Narrative
10 Staff hours	\$1,700	Can be accomplished with current staff
Total	\$1,700	\$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: IV – Medical Economics