

Follow-Up on Implementation of Resolutions and Report Recommendations AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting - June 6-9, 2018

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
BOT Report 01-A-18	Annual Report	Recommendations in BOT Report 1-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Filed.
BOT Report 02-A-18	New Specialty Organizations Representation in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 2-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated and new societies included in HOD mailings.
BOT Report 04-A-18	AMA 2019 Dues	Recommendations in BOT Report 4-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Filed.
BOT Report 09-A-18	Council on Legislation Sunset Review of 2008 House Policies	Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 10-A-18	Over-the-Counter Contraceptive Drug Access (Res. 110-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 10-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 11-A-18	Housing Provision and Social Support to Immediately Alleviate Chronic Homelessness in the United States (Resolution 208-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 11-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 12-A-18	Advocacy for Seamless Interface between Physician Electronic Health Records (EHRs), Pharmacies and Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) (Resolution 212-A-17)	Referred for Report Back at I-18.	Board of Trustees Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 7-I-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed

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BOT Report 13-A-18	Mergers of Secular and Religiously Affiliated Health Care Institutions and Their Impact on Patient Care and Access to Services	Recommendations in BOT Report 13-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 14-A-18	Integration of Drug Price Information into Electronic Medical Records/Barriers to Price Transparency (Resolutions 203-I-17, 205-I-17, 213-I-17, and 219-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 14-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA is tracking issues related to drug price transparency and formulary data integration into EHRs, with specific attention to prior authorization requirement transparency, a key factor in addressing the overall issue. Our AMA participates in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs task groups that develop and maintain the formulary and real-time pharmacy benefit (RTPB) standards, advocating for physicians' interests in those discussions. The AMA has representation on the Advisory Board of the recently released CoverMyMeds Real-Time Benefit Check National Adoption Scorecard, an online resource that provides a high-level overview of the implementation status of RTPB technology listed by vendor. In addition, our AMA is planning the launch of its EHR Digital Community in October 2018 to identify some of the existing perceptions about these functionalities, barriers to implementation, and current practices that are or are not working from the various stakeholder panelists in that community. We continue to have regular meetings with SureScripts regarding their progress in helping improve physicians' access to formulary data for their patients, including drug utilization management policies and patient out-of-pocket costs.
BOT Report 15-A-18	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact	Recommendations in BOT Report 15-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 16-A-18	Protection of Clinician-Patient Privilege (Res. 237-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 16-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 17-A-18	Evaluating Actions by Pharmacy Benefit Manager and Payer Policies on Patient Care (Resolution 233-I-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 17-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has had staff-level discussions with key medical societies to determine the most appropriate strategy to proceed. Staff also has been engaged with state regulators to gauge how to best approach the national trade associations as well as compiling evidence to support the intent of the recommendation.
BOT Report 18-A-18	Medical Liability Coverage Through the Federal Tort Claims Act (Res. 214-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 18-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Filed.

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BOT Report 19-A-18	Health Information Technology Principles (Res. 218-I-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 34-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 20-A-18	AntiHarassment Policy and Procedures	Recommendations in BOT Report 20-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 21-A-18	Ownership of Patient Data	Filed.	Filed.
BOT Report 22-A-18	In-Flight Emergencies (Resolution 516-A-17, Resolve 3)	Recommendations in BOT Report 22-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 23-A-18	Healthcare as a Human Right (Res. 007-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 23-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 24-A-18	Appropriate Placement of Transgender Prisoners (Resolution 015-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 24-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 25-A-18	Recognition of Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Forms (Resolution 020-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 25-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to advocate with appropriate legislative and regulatory bodies to recognize Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) forms completed in one state as a valid expression of a patient’s directions for care. Our AMA is also in the process of drafting model state legislation that will allow for reciprocity and/or recognition of POLST and other patient decision-making forms. Our AMA has drafted model state legislation that will allow for reciprocity and/or recognition of POLST and other patient decision-making forms and will initiate the process of having this model bill reviewed by our AMA Council on Legislation and approved by AMA Board of Trustees.
BOT Report 26-A-18	Revision of Researcher Certification and Institutional Review Board Protocols (Res. 011-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 26-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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BOT Report 27-A-18	Policy and Economic Support for Early Child Care (Resolution 416-A-17)	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 11 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee F)
BOT Report 28-A-18	Mandatory Public Health Reporting of Law- Enforcement-Related Injuries and Deaths (Res. 417-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 28-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 29-A-18	Support for Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals, Animals in Healthcare and Medical Benefits of Pet Ownership (RES 508-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 29-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 30-A-18	In-Flight Emergencies	Recommendations in BOT Report 30-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 31-A-18	Physician Burnout and Wellness Challenges, Physician and Physician Assistant Safety Net, and Identification and Reduction of Physician Demoralization (Res. 601-I-17, 604-I-17 and 605-I-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 31-A-18 Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 15 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
BOT Report 33-A-18	Plan for Continued Progress toward Health Equity (Resolution 601-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 33-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Management is in the process of starting up an AMA Center on Health Equity. A search has been initiated for the Center's leader. The House will receive an update at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 34-A-18	AMA to Protect Human Health from the Effects of Climate Change by Ending its Investments in Fossil Fuel Companies (Resolution 607-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 34-A-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 608-A-18, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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BOT Report 35-A-18	Model Hospital Medical Staff Bylaws (Res. 609-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 35-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA is conducting a comprehensive review of its resources for medical staffs, including the content of the AMA Physician's Guide to Medical Staff Organization Bylaws, with an eye toward how the AMA can make this content more accessible while addressing relevant state-by-state differences in bylaws requirements.
BOT Report 37-A-18	Eliminate the Requirement of H&P Update (Res. 710-A-16 and BOT 18-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 37-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>As part of our AMA's efforts to reduce regulatory burden and documentation, we are in discussions with CMS about the pros and cons of eliminating the requirement of the H&P update.</p> <p>Our AMA led a concerted advocacy push to reduce documentation burden around H&P for Medicare office visits involving more than 170 specialty and state medical organizations in a letter supporting CMS proposals to streamline office visit documentation. This effort resulted in a decrease in documentation burden around H&P for evaluation and management (E/M) services in physician offices and outpatient care settings. Beginning in 2019, CMS changed the required documentation of the patient's history to focus only on the interval history since the previous visit and eliminated the requirement for physicians to re-document history and chief complaint information that has already been documented in the patient's record by practice staff or by the patient. Additionally, effective in 2019, teaching physicians may review and verify some medical record information entered by staff or the patient instead of re-entering it themselves. Our AMA continues its work to develop consensus around E/M documentation guidelines based on time and medical decision making and will work with the Administration to promote these changes.</p>
BOT Report 38-A-18	Timely Referral to Pain Management Specialist (Res. 714-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 38-A-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 714-A-17, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 39-A-18	Expanding Access to Screening Tools for Social Determinants of Health (Res. 711-A-17 & RES 816-I-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 39-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 40-A-18	Medicare Coverage of Services Provided by Proctored Medical Students (Res. 812-I-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 40-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Recommended to not adopt. No further action required.

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BOT Report 41-A-18	Augmented Intelligence (AI) in Health Care	Recommendations in Board of Trustees Report 41 Adopted as Amended In Lieu of Resolution 205, Remainder of Report Filed, Additional Resolve Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 21 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
BOT Report 43-A-18	American Podiatric Medical Association Request for Official Observer Status In the HOD	Recommendations in BOT Report 43-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The American Podiatric Medical Association was admitted to observer status at the 2018 Annual Meeting and has received all 2018 Interim Meeting communications.
BOT Report 44-A-18	CMS Reimbursement Guidelines for Teaching Physician Supervision (Res. 230-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 44-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA sent a letter advocating that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) change its policy to allow reimbursement for minor procedures performed by residents as long as the supervising physician is present for the key portions of the minor procedure.
BOT Report 45-A-18	Licensing of Electronic Health Records (Res. 218-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 45-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA regularly engages with the federal government and other stakeholders on issues related to interoperability including responding to numerous proposed rules, legislative drafts, and Requests for Information. In its feedback, our AMA advocates for a shift from holding physicians solely accountable for interoperability to ensuring that all stakeholders—including health information technology vendors—are held responsible for improving interoperability. Our AMA also advocates for the federal government to take a coordinated approach to reconcile variations in workflow, integration, and use of standards, in consultation with clinicians, states, EHR, and PDMP vendors. We have repeatedly urged the administration to recognize the impact of information blocking on data consistency and access and look forward to providing feedback on forthcoming proposed rules from the federal government about that topic and interoperability at large. Furthermore, our AMA has leveraged IHMI, Health2047, and Xcertia to promote a coordinated and clinically-led approach to medial knowledge modeling, semantic and syntactic interoperability, and clinical application development principles. Our AMA is currently providing feedback on proposed rules from the federal government about information blocking in EHRs.
BOT Report 46-A-18	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates – Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 46-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	No follow-up is required. Recommendations were accomplished with I-18 preparations.

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CCB Report 01-A-18	CCB Sunset Review of 2008 House Policies	Recommendations in CCB Report 1-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CEJA Report 01-A-18	Competence, Self-Assessment and Self-Awareness	Recommendations in CEJA Report 1-A-18 Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 1 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 1-I-18 Referred.
CEJA Report 02-A-18	Mergers of Secular and Religiously Affiliated Health Care Institutions	Recommendations in CEJA Report 2-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CEJA Report 03-A-18	Medical Tourism	Recommendations in CEJA Report 3-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CEJA Report 04-A-18	Expanded Access to Investigational Therapies	Recommendations in CEJA Report 4-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CEJA Report 05-A-18	Study Aid-in-Dying as End-of-Life Option (Resolution 15-A-16 and 14-A-17)	Recommendations in CEJA Report 5-A-18 Referred.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
CEJA Report 06-A-18	CEJA's Sunset Review of 2008 House Policies	Recommendations in CEJA Report 6-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CME Report 01-A-18	Council on Medical Education Sunset Review of 2008 House of Delegates' Policies	Recommendations in CME Report 1-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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CME Report 02-A-18	An Update on Maintenance of Certification and Osteopathic Continuous Certification (Resolutions 316-A-17 and 318-A-17)	Recommendations in CME Report 2-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) was notified of the House action that asked our AMA to continue to work with the medical societies and the ABMS member boards that have not yet moved to a process to improve the Part III secure, high-stakes examination to encourage them to do so.</p> <p>The ABMS Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission was also notified that our AMA, through its Council on Medical Education, will continue to be actively engaged in following the work of the Commission. Additionally, our AMA, through the Council, contributed to a document that summarized the Council's co-hosted 2018 meeting with ABMS on the topic of continuing certification and shared this document with the Vision for the Future Commission.</p>
CME Report 03-A-18	Expanding UME Without Concurrent GME Expansion	Recommendations in CME Report 3-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) were notified of the House action that asked these organizations to encourage all existing and planned allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to thoroughly research match statistics and other career placement metrics when developing career guidance plans.</p> <p>The LCME, COCA, and other accrediting bodies, as part of accreditation of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, were notified and encouraged to prospectively and retrospectively monitor medical school graduates' rates of placement into GME as well as GME completion.</p> <p>The House Action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via an AMA Wire article and a press release.</p> <p>Our AMA Policy Database (Policy D-305.967 (31), The Preservation, Stability and Expansion of Full Funding for Graduate Medical Education) has also been updated.</p>

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CME Report 04-A-18	Evaluation of Clinical Documentation Training	Recommendations in CME Report 4-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The AAMC, AACOM, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) were notified of the House action that asked these organizations to encourage medical schools and residency programs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •design clinical documentation and electronic health records (EHR) training that provides evaluative feedback regarding the value and effectiveness of the training, and, where necessary, make modifications to improve the training; •provide clinical documentation and EHR training that can be evaluated and demonstrated as useful in clinical practice; and •provide EHR professional development resources for faculty to assure appropriate modeling of EHR use during physician/patient interactions. <p>The House Action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via an AMA Wire article and a press release.</p> <p>Our AMA Policy Database (Policy D-295.314, Study of Current Trends in Clinical Documentation) has also been updated.</p>
CME Report 06-A-18	Mental Health Disclosures on Physician Licensing Applications (Resolution 301-A-17, Resolve 3)	Recommendations in CME Report 2-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) was notified of the House action and asked to encourage those state medical boards that wish to retain questions about the health of applicants on medical licensing applications to use the language recommended by the FSMB that reads, “Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice medicine in a competent, ethical and professional manner? (Yes/No).”</p> <p>The House Action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via an AMA Wire article and a press release.</p> <p>Our AMA Policy Database (Policy H-275.970 (5), Licensure Confidentiality) has also been updated.</p>
CMS Report 01-A-18	Council on Medical Service Sunset Review of 2008 AMA House Policies	Recommendations in CMS Report 1-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 02-A-18	Improving Affordability of Health Insurance Exchanges	Recommendations in CMS Report 2-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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CMS Report 03-A-18	Ensuring Marketplace Competition and Health Plan Choice	Recommendations in CMS Report 3-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 04-A-18	Health Plans' Medical Advice (Resolution 705-A-17)	Recommendations in CMS Report 4-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 05-A-18	Financing of Long-Term Services and Supports	Recommendations in CMS Report 5-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 06-A-18	Integrating Precision Medicine into Alternative Payment Models	Recommendations in CMS Report 6-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 07-A-18	Insulin Affordability (Resolution 826-I-17)	Recommendations in CMS Report 7-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	As part of our wide-ranging advocacy efforts to identify the causes that have led to increasing prescription medication costs, our AMA is seeking opportunities to work with federal agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission, to develop and implement well-crafted and effective public policy solutions that would alleviate the financial burdens of high drug costs imposed on patients and the health care system. This includes ways to expand regulatory action to increase pharmaceutical market competition and combat anti-competitive practices that impact insulin pricing. Our AMA has disseminated its model state legislation to all state and national medical specialty societies and offered to provide assistance in support of state legislative and regulatory efforts addressing drug price and cost transparency.
CMS/CSAPH Joint Rep	Coverage for Colorectal Cancer Screening (Resolution 822-I-17)	Recommendations in Joint CMS/CSAPH Report 1-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Development of the colorectal cancer screening coding guide is underway and will likely be included among educational content on preventive health care services planned for 2019.
CSAPH Report 01-A-18	CSAPH Sunset Review of 2008 House of Delegates Policies	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 1-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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CSAPH Report 02-A-18	Drug Shortages Update	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2-A-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resoluition 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has participated in discussions with FDA, DHS/ASPR, manufacturers, supply chain experts, other members of both the public and private sectors regarding all of the new additions to policy H-100.956 at a National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) drug shortages workshop and an ASHP drug shortages summit. Proceedings from the NASEM workshop are publicly available and formal recommendations from the ASHP summit are forthcoming. Additionally, we will participate in an upcoming FDA listening session regarding their newly formed Drug Shortage Task Force and in a public meeting hosted by the FDA, Identifying the Root Causes of Drug Shortages and Finding Enduring Solutions. Our AMA is working with EHR vendors, federal agencies, and electronic prescription (eRx) companies to implement updated prescribing technology standards that support drug product changes and better communication between prescribers and pharmacies. New EHRs are being release that now support advanced eRx functionality, including eRx change; eRx cancel; eRx refill; eRx fill status; and eRx medication history. See CSAPH Report 2 A-19.
CSAPH Report 03-A-18	Prescription Drug Donation (Resolutions 525-A-17 and 207-I-17)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 03-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CSAPH Report 04-A-18	The Physicians' Role in Firearm Safety	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 4-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CSAPH Report 05-A-18	Tobacco Harm Reduction: A Comprehensive Nicotine Policy to Reduce Death and Disease Caused by Smoking (Res 403-A-17)	Recommendattions in CSAPH Report 5-A-18 Adopted as Amended, and the Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
HOD Comp Cmte A-18	Report of the House of Delegates Committee on Compensation of the Officers	Recommendations in HOD Compensarion Committee Report A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Filed.
RES 001-A-18	Discriminatory Policies that Create Inequities in Health Care	Adopted.	See BOT Report 33-A-18. The recommendations of the Health Equity Task Force were approved with approval of BOT Report 33-A-18. As a result management is starting up a Center on Health Equity which will oversee implementation of this action as part of its agenda.

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RES 002-A-18	FMLA Equivalence	Adopted with Change in Title.	Our AMA will send a letter to the Department of Labor advocating for changes to regulations on the Family and Medical Leave Act that would modify the definitions of “family member” and “immediate relative” to “include any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship” per AMA policy.
RES 003-A-18	Research Handling of De-identified Patient Information	Adopted with Change in Title.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 26 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 004-A-18	Patient-Reported Outcomes in Gender Confirmation Surgery	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 005-A-18	Decreasing Sex and Gender Disparities in Health Outcomes	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 006-A-18	Living Donor Protection Act of 2017 (HR 1270)	Policy H-370.965 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 006 and 012-A-18. Policy H-370.996 Reaffirmed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 007-A-18	Oppose the Criminalization of Self-Induced Abortion	Adopted.	Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to oppose and advocate against the criminalization of self-induced abortion, as criminalization increases medical risks and deters women from seeking medically necessary services.
RES 008-A-18	Health Care Rights of Pregnant Minors	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to support legislation to allow pregnant minors to consent to all prenatal and postpartum care and procedures and oppose any law or policy that prohibits a pregnant minor from consenting to prenatal and other pregnancy related care, including, but not limited to, prenatal genetic testing, epidural block, pain management, Cesarean section, diagnostic imaging, procedures and emergency care.

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RES 010-A-18	Advancing Gender Equity in Medicine	Substitute Resolution 010 Adopted in lieu of Resolutions 010, 011, 020 and 021.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 27 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee F)</p>
RES 011-A-18	Women Physician Workforce and Gender Gap in Earnings-Measures to Improve Equality	Substitute Resolution 010 Adopted in lieu of Resolutions 010, 011, 020 and 021.	See Resolution 010-A-18
RES 012-A-18	Costs to Kidney Donors	Policy H-370.965 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 006 and 012-A-18. Policy H-370.996 Reaffirmed.	See Resolution 006-A-18.
RES 013-A-18	Opposing Surgical Sex Assignment of Infants with Differences of Sex Development	Referred.	<p>Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 3-I-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>
RES 014-A-18	Promotion of LGBTQ-Friendly and Gender-Neutral Intake Forms	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The subject of Resolution 14-A-18 was addressed in AMA Wire on July 17, 2018 (https://wire.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/better-training-needed-address-shortcomings-lgbtq-care).</p> <p>Additionally, our AMA is planning an education session for the 2019 Annual Meeting that will address the subject of Resolution 14-A-18.</p> <p>The Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues web page on Creating an LGBTQ-friendly practice (https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/population-care/creating-lgbtq-friendly-practice) now includes the following recommendation:</p> <p>“Customize your patient intake forms. Examine the comprehensive Sample New Patient Intake Form that The Fenway Institute recommends for use with LGBTQ patients and see how it compares to what your practice currently uses.”</p> <p>During the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues will explore opportunities to implement policy adopted by House of Delegates, which calls for our AMA to educate physicians and/or the public about LGBTQ-health-related topics.</p>

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RES 015-A-18	Human Trafficking/Slavery Awareness	Adopted as Amended.	Staff are working on an updated list of physician resources related to this topic, which should be posted on the AMA website by the end of the calendar year.
RES 016-A-18	Utilization of “LGBTQ” in Relevant Past and Future AMA Policies	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 017-A-18	Revised Mission Statement of the AMA	Not Adopted.	
RES 018-A-18	Discrimination Against Physicians By Patients	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting.
RES 019-A-18	Study of Medical Student, Resident, and Physician Suicide	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Medical Education report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 020-A-18	Advancing the Goal of Equal Pay for Women in Medicine	Substitute Resolution 010 Adopted in lieu of Resolutions 010, 011, 020 and 021.	See Resolution 010-A-18.
RES 021-A-18	Taking Steps to Advance Gender Equity in Medicine.	Substitute Resolution 010 Adopted in lieu of Resolutions 010, 011, 020 and 021.	See Resolution 010-A-18.
RES 102-A-18	Effectiveness of Risk Assessment Models in Representing Healthcare Resources Expended for Infants and Children	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 103-A-18	Oppose Medicaid Eligibility Lockout	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 104-A-18	Emergency Out of Network Services	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA continues to work with, and provide resources to, state medical associations and national medical specialty societies to enact balance billing legislation in the states, based on our AMA model bill, that would both protect patients and physicians' access to fair contracting processes. Additionally, our AMA is working to promote our policy with members of Congress who are drafting federal legislation to establish a national structure for handling balance bills for both emergency care and unanticipated out-of-network care at an in-network hospital. Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its focus on advocating for the principles delineated in existing AMA Policy H-285.904 for all health plans, including ERISA plans, and its willingness to work with any interested partners to achieve the aims of this policy. The Advocacy Resource Center has developed model legislation and resources to promote both patient protections related to balance billing and physicians' access to fair contracting processes. Our AMA also continues to communicate the principles delineated in H-285.904 to member of Congress.</p> <p>Our AMA staff had conversations with Administration officials about the principles delineated in Policy H-285.904.</p>
RES 105-A-18	Use of High Molecular Weight Hyaluronic Acid	Policies H-165.856, H-185.964, H-385.942, H-410-961 and H-450.935 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 105-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 108-A-18	Expanding AMA's Position on Healthcare Reform Options	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)</p>
RES 109-A-18	Medicaid Coverage of Fitness Facility Memberships	Not Adopted.	
RES 111-A-18	Medicare Coverage for Dental Services	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)</p>

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RES 114-A-18	Inclusion of Bundled Payments Care Improvement (BPCI) Post-Acute only Model 3 in Advanced BPCI	Adopted as Amended.	<p>In meetings and correspondence with CMS officials and the PTAC, the AMA has been advocating for several alternative payment models focused on post-acute and/or long-term care, especially the palliative care alternative payment model developed by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The AMA will convene meetings of this and other specialty societies focused on post-acute and long-term care to identify the best ways to support Medicare adoption of alternative payment models for these patients and their physicians.</p> <p>In an event at our AMA’s Washington office on April 22, 2019, CMS announced new alternative payment models that include components aimed at managing patients with serious illnesses, including the palliative care recommendations made by the PTAC based on a proposal from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.</p>
RES 115-A-18	Expanding On-Site Physician Home Health Care to Low-Income Families and the Chronically Ill	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 116-A-18	Ban on Medicare Advantage “No Cause” Network Terminations	Alternative Resolution 116 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 116.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 17 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>
RES 117-A-18	Supporting Reclassification of Complex Rehabilitation Technology	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)</p>
RES 118-A-18	Payment for Advance Care Planning	Policy H-390.916 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 118-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 119-A-18	Payment for Palliative Care	Policies H-70.915, H-85.951 and H-85.966 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 119-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 201-A-18	Removing Barriers to Obesity Treatment	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialties of its willingness to work with them and other interested stakeholders to remove out-of-date restrictions at the state and federal level prohibiting health care providers from providing the current standard of care to patients affected by obesity.

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RES 202-A-18	Universal and Standardized Protocols for EHR Data Transition	Adopted as Amended. Amendment B7 Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 202-A-18, sponsored by Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Maryland, Tennessee, American Urological Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists, was adopted as amended and asked that our AMA seek legislation or regulation to require ONC to establish regulations that require universal and standard interoperability protocols for electronic health record (EHR) vendors to follow during EHR data transition to reduce common barriers that prevent physicians from changing EHR vendors, including high cost, time, and risk of losing patient data. An additional Resolve was offered during HOD consideration of Resolution 202 that asked that such regulations to be promulgated within twenty-four (24) months of such legislative or regulatory direction to the ONC, with the ONC to establish a compliance deadline for the EHR vendors that is an expedient as practicable and not to exceed thirty-six (36) months from promulgation of the regulations by the ONC. The HOD voted to refer the additional Resolve to the Board for decision. The Board considered a report on this subject and while timely solutions to data portability and interoperability problems are important, the solution proposed by the additional Resolve of stringent time requirements for data portability standards is overly prescriptive and counterproductive. Moreover, it may hinder ongoing AMA activities, place the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) ahead of the private sector before interoperability standards mature, and be difficult to implement due to the unknown nature of forthcoming ONC rules and guidance.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that the additional Resolve to Resolution 202-A-18 not be adopted.</p>
RES 203-A-18	Updating Federal Food Policy to Improve Nutrition and Health	Adopted as Amended.	<p>(Resolve 2) Our AMA will identify or draft changes to the National School Lunch Act and will communicate with the appropriate congressional committee staff regarding the need for changes to eliminate requirements that children produce documentation of a disability or a special medical or dietary need in order to receive an alternative to cow's milk. (Resolve 3) A letter is being sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and HHS recommending that the Departments clearly indicate in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and other federal nutrition guidelines that meat and dairy products are optional, based on an individual's dietary needs.</p> <p>Our AMA will identify or draft changes to the National School Lunch Act and will communicate with the appropriate congressional committee staff regarding the need for changes to eliminate requirements that children produce documentation of a disability or a special medical or dietary need in order to receive an alternative to cow's milk. A letter was sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and HHS recommending that the Departments clearly indicate in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and other federal nutrition guidelines that meat and dairy products are optional, based on an individual's dietary needs.</p>
RES 204-A-18	Opposition to Mandated Proficiency in EHR for Licensure	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 205-A-18	Augmented Intelligence	Reccomendations in Board of Trustees Report 41 Adopted as Amended In Lieu of Resolution 205.	See BOT Report 41-A-18.
RES 208-A-18	Prior Authorization Requirements for Post-Operative Opioids	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 23 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 209-A-18	Substance Use Disorders During Pregnancy	Adopted as Amended.	Final compromise opioid bill language, H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, included several provisions related to substance use disorders during pregnancy. These included Sec. 1005 to study Medicaid coverage gaps for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder, Sec. 5022 – Ensuring access to mental health and substance use disorder services for children and pregnant women under CHIP and Subtitle G which calls for reports to Congress on recommendations for pain management and substance use disorders during pregnancy, updating previously issued recommendations related to prenatal opioid use. During the week of October 1, the House and Senate passed the compromise bill, which the President is expected to sign into law. Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to support legislative and other appropriate efforts for the expansion and improved access to evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders during pregnancy.
RES 211-A-18	Clarification from US Department of Justice Regarding Federal Enforcement of Medical Marijuana Laws	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 212-A-18	Value-Based Payment System	Not Adopted.	
RES 215-A-18	Regulation of Hospital Advertising	Policy H-225.934 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 215-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 216-A-18	FDA Conflict of Interest	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 19 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)

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RES 217-A-18	Reforming the Orphan Drug Act	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>
RES 218-A-18	Considering Feminine Hygiene Products as Medical Necessities	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA is currently drafting a letter to urge state and local prison systems and correctional facilities to remove any barriers that prohibit the distribution of the appropriate type and quantity of feminine hygiene products including tampons, at no charge to inmates. In addition, our AMA is drafting a letter to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to classify menstrual care products as a qualifying medical expense so that these products may be eligible for reimbursement with a flexible spending account (FSA), health savings account (HSA), or other tax-preferred accounts. Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to advocate for the removal of barriers to feminine hygiene products in state and local prisons and correctional institutions.</p>
RES 219-A-18	Improving Medicare Patients' Access to Kidney Transplantation	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 219, sponsored by the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons, asks the AMA to: (1) work with professional and patient centered organizations to advance patient and physician-directed coordinated care for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients (Directive to Take Action); (2) actively oppose the "Dialysis PATIENTS Demonstration Act of 2017" (S. 2065) (H.R. 4143) (Directive to Take Action); and (3) report back on this issue at the 2018 Interim Meeting.</p> <p>The Board considered a report on this subject and VOTED that the following policy be adopted in lieu of Resolution 219-A-18, "Improving Medicare Patients' Access to Kidney Transplantation:"</p> <p>ADVANCING QUALITY COORDINATED CARE FOR PATIENTS' WITH END STAGE RENAL DISEASE</p> <p>That our American Medical Association (AMA) work with Members of Congress and their staffs to ensure that any legislation which promotes integrated and patient-centered care for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients does not inappropriately impinge on the patient-physician relationship and is in the best interest of ESRD patients. (New HOD Policy)</p>
RES 221-A-18	Maintaining Validity and Comprehensiveness of U.S. Census Data	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA is advocating for adequate funding for the U.S. Census for fiscal year 2019, and will communicate in writing to the relevant appropriations committees on the need for adequate funding to assure accurate and relevant data is collected and disseminated for the U.S. Census.</p>

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RES 222-A-18	Evidence Based Treatment in Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities	Substitute Resolution 222 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 222 and 240.	<p>Our AMA supported numerous proposals during House and Senate consideration of opioid legislation to eliminate barriers to MAT. Among provisions included in the final compromise bill are: enhanced Medicaid expenditures for substance use disorder treatment and recovery; Medicaid and Medicare coverage of SUD treatment through telehealth; MedPAC study on MAT utilization controls under Medicaid; and Medicare coverage of OTP provision of MAT.</p> <p>Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is now incorporated into every version of the AMA stump speech used by AMA leadership. Additionally, it is discussed in-depth in every opioids speech delivered by Dr. Harris, chair of the AMA Opioids Task Force. MAT is incorporated into opioids press releases, whenever possible, including releases about CDC mortality data, the Surgeon General's report on opioids, and a report by the Addiction Solutions Campaign. The messaging is incorporated into all opioids talking points for reporter interviews, and MAT has been covered extensively by AMA Wire.</p>
RES 223-A-18	Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Hospitals	Resolution 223 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 239 with Addition of a Third Resolved.	<p>Our AMA staff has had discussions with key AHA staff in support of gathering information to fulfill this recommendation, including exploring how the Task Force and the AHA might best work together. AMA advocacy regularly calls for states to evaluate programs. AMA spokespeople have made this point in numerous public statements, and staff has further emphasized this point in discussions with key stakeholders, including the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Advisory Board of the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit. Further, our AMA is collaborating with the American Society of Addiction Medicine and writing to the Drug Enforcement Administration to seek a modification of its application of 21 CFR 1306.07 that would allow for prescribers with a waiver permitting the prescribing of buprenorphine for opioid use disorder to be able to issue orders, when indicated, for hospitalized inpatients, and for hospital inpatient pharmacies to be able to legally fill such orders.</p> <p>Our AMA continues to advocate for this policy change with the DEA but has not been able to obtain additional information from the agency about its work to revise this policy.</p>
RES 224-A-18	Legalization of Interpharmacy Transfer of Electronic Controlled Substance Prescriptions	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with any interested partners to remove state and other barriers that impede interpharmacy transfers of valid electronic prescriptions for Schedule II-V medications.</p>
RES 225-A-18	Pharmacy Benefit Managers Impact on Patients	Adopted as Amended.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)</p>

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RES 226-A-18	Model State Legislation for Routine Preventative Prostate Cancer Screening for Men Ages 55-69	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)</p>
RES 227-A-18	An Optional National Prescription Drug Formulary	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>
RES 229-A-18	Permanent Residence Status for Physicians on H1-B Visas	Substitute Resolution 229 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 229-A-18.	Our AMA sent a letter on September 27th, 2018 urging the Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to immediately clear the large H-1B visa backlog for IMGs who are actively practicing in the U.S. and provide them with permanent resident status.
RES 230-A-18	Opposition to Funding Cuts for Programs that Impact the Health of Populations	Adopted as Amended.	Despite the Administration proposals to make significant cuts to health care programs, the final conference report actually included significant increases in many important areas.
RES 231-A-18	Online Controlled Drugs	Adopted as Amended.	Several provisions of the Support for Patients and Communities Act, which is the opioid legislation passed by Congress in October 2018, are aimed at preventing illegal drug sales and diversion, including through online orders. As implementing regulations are developed on this legislation, the AMA will seek opportunities to support new policies that will help regulate and control illegal online sales of opioids. The AMA will also support other proposed policies to control illegal online sale and distribution of drugs, dietary supplements and herbal remedies.
RES 232-A-18	Recording Law Reform	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA is in the process of drafting model state legislation requiring consent of all parties to the recording of a physician-patient conversation.</p> <p>Our AMA has drafted model state legislation requiring consent of all parties to the recording of a physician-patient conversation and will initiate the process of having this model bill reviewed by AMA Council on Legislation and approved by AMA Board of Trustees.</p>

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RES 233-A-18	Support for Reauthorization of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Adopted.	<p>On June 25, 2018 our AMA wrote to Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Schumer in support of the of the preservation and strengthening of the SNAP program as part of efforts to enact the 2018 Farm Bill. As of October 1, negotiations were deadlocked on the bill with the major remaining disagreement an effort to impose work requirements for SNAP beneficiaries.</p> <p>In December, the President signed the Farm Bill with only limited changes requiring governors to sign off on waiver requests of existing work requirements as opposed to broader changes that had been proposed. However, shortly before signing the bill, the Agriculture Department released rulemaking strengthening work requirements similar to proposals that had been rejected by Congress. The rulemaking has not yet been finalized. The Administration's FY 2020 budget also proposed stricter work requirements and other changes for federal food assistance programs, though those proposals are not expected to be considered by Congress.</p>
RES 235-A-18	Hospital Consolidation	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>
RES 236-A-18	Reducing MIPS Reporting Burden	Adopted as Amended.	<p>CMS has proposed to maintain a minimum reporting period of 90-days for the MIPS PI and IA in 2019. In an effort to reduce burden and complexity, Our AMA continues to advocate for a reduced reporting period for the MIPS Quality Category. Specifically, the option to report for a minimum of 90-days with the ability for physicians to submit additional data, including a full-year.</p> <p>Our AMA continues to advocate for changes to the MIPS program, including a more cohesive and simplified program and reduced reporting period. Our AMA has worked extensively with state and specialties societies to come up with recommendations to CMS to improve MIPS.</p>
RES 237-A-18	Safe and Efficient E-Prescribing	Adopted.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 20 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>
RES 238-A-18	Reform of Pharmaceutical Pricing: Negotiated Payment Schedules	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>
RES 239-A-18	Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Hospitals	Resolution 223 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 239 with Addition of a Third Resolved.	See Resolution 223-A-18.

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RES 240-A-18	Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Treatment Facilities	Substitute Resolution 222 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 222 and 240.	See Substitute Resolution 222-A-18.
RES 241-A-18	Accuracy and Accountability of Physician Compensation Reporting by Drug and Device Companies	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA advocated in a letter to the CMS that any payment or transfer of value reported in Open Payments should indicate whether the physician acknowledged receipt of the payment or transfer of value and whether the payment was verified during the review and dispute process. Moreover, while the payment is under dispute, it should be removed from the Open Payments website until the applicable manufacturer or GPO validates the compensation with verifiable documentation.
RES 242-A-18	Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Compounded Medications	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 243-A-18	Report Health Care Provider Sex Crimes to Law Enforcement	Substitute Resolution 243-A-18 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 243.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 244-A-18	Increasing the Legal Age of Purchasing Ammunition and Firearms From 18 to 21	Policy H-145.985 Adopted As Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 244 and 248.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 245-A-18	Opposing NCOIL Attempts to Stop Physician Dispensing	Policy H-120.990 Adopted As Amended in Lieu of Resolution 245.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 246-A-18	Support for Patients and Physicians in Direct Primary Care	Substitute Resolution 246 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 246.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 247-A-18	Opposed Replacement of the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System with the Voluntary Value Program	Adopted as Amended.	Resolved 2 asked Our AMA to recommend MIPS improvements that would address the criticisms that led MedPAC to propose its substitute VVP. MedPAC's concerns centered on program complexity and a desire to replace the approximately 300 existing quality measures with 8 to 10 population-based measures. Our AMA has argued for MIPS simplification since its inception. We have also argued that the key to reducing the quality measure reporting burden is to reduce the number of measures physicians are required to report rather than reducing the number of measures they can choose from. In 2018, we have worked with a group of specialty and state medical society staff to design and provide examples of a simplified system that would allow physicians to get credit in multiple MIPS categories for certain activities. We have continued to call for a reduction in the number of quality measures physicians are required to report. We promoted these views in monthly meetings with CMS over the past 6 months and in our AMA comments on the 2019 proposed QPP rule. Resolve 4 asks our AMA to continue to advocate for adequate recognition of and adjustments for socioeconomic and demographic factors. In response to AMA complaints that inadequate risk adjustments discriminate against physicians treating the sickest patients, CMS established a "complexity" bonus which seeks to compensate for inadequacies in the risk factor. Our AMA has continued to press for improved risk adjusters as well. Our AMA continues to advocate for changes to MIPS that include reducing the quality measures reporting burden and improved risk adjusters.
RES 248-A-18	Opposition to Firearm Concealed Carry Reciprocity	Policy H-145.985 Adopted As Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 244 and 248.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 249-A-18	Support Any Willing Provider Legislation	Not Adopted.	
RES 250-A-18	Clarification of Guidelines for Online Prescribers	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 251-A-18	Scope of Practice Expansion Advocacy and Impacts on Physicians and Medical Students	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA continues to work with relevant stakeholders on scope of practice and continues to maintain and produce advocacy tools for use of advocates in state legislative and regulatory advocacy. Most recently, our AMA released the 2018 set of Geographic Mapping Initiative maps, an updated interactive Health Workforce Mapper, and four updated Scope of Practice Data Series Modules. Our AMA continues to seek opportunities to advocate for inclusion of non-physician scope of practice characteristics in practice location attribute analyses.</p> <p>A letter was distributed in September 2018 to lead researchers and measure developers whose work focuses on identifying factors that affect physician burnout and well-being. The letter encouraged the recipients to consider evaluating the impacts of scope of practice expansion on physicians, residents and medical students in their future research using validated instruments to measure physician burnout and well-being.</p>
RES 252-A-18	Repeal of Group Purchasing Organizations and Pharmacy Benefit Manager Safe Harbor	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>
RES 253-A-18	Separation of Children from their Parents at Border	Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 257, with Change in Title.	<p>On June 19, 2018, our AMA sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services strongly urging the federal government to withdraw its “zero tolerance” policy that requires the separation of migrating children from their parents or caregivers.</p> <p>On October 29, 2018, our AMA submitted comments in response to a Proposed Rule, entitled Apprehension, Processing, Care, and Custody of Alien Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children, that would expand family immigration detention in contravention of the Flores Settlement Agreement. Our AMA urged the Administration to withdraw this Proposed Rule and instead give priority to supporting families and protecting the health and well-being of the children within those families.</p>
RES 254-A-18	Opposition to Regulations That Penalize Immigrants For Accessing Health Care Services	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Upon the release of an official notice of proposed rulemaking related to “Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds” our AMA will submit appropriate comments to federal agencies in accordance with AMA policy.</p> <p>In November 2018, our AMA submitted a letter urging the Agency to rescind this policy proposal.</p>
RES 255-A-18	340B Drug Discount Program	Resolves 1, 2 and 4 Adopted. Resolved 3 Referred with Report Back at I-18.	<p>Board of Trustees Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 8-I-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>

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RES 256-A-18	Federal Aviation Administration BasicMed Exams to be Done by Physicians with Prescriptive Authority	Substitute Resolution 256 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 256.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 257-A-18	Separation of Children from their Parents at the Border	Resolution 253 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 257, with Change in Title.	See Resolution 253-A-18.
RES 301-A-18	Protecting Medical Trainees from Hazardous Exposure	Referred.	A joint Council on Medical Education and Council on Science on Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Joint Council on Medical Education and Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 302-A-18	For-Profit Medical Schools or Colleges	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting.
RES 303-A-18	Fellowship Start Date	Adopted as Amended.	AMA staff plans to discuss this issue with the Organization of Program Director Associations during the CMSS meeting in November (post I-18).
RES 304-A-18	Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Designated as a Medical Underserved Population	Resolved 1 Adopted. Policy H-90.968 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolved 2 of Resolution 304-A-18.	Our AMA will send a letter to the Health Resources and Services Administration urging that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) be included as a medically underserved population. Our AMA sent a letter to the Health Resources and Services Administration urging that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) be included as a medically underserved population.
RES 305-A-18	Standardization of Medical Licensing Time Limits Across States	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting.
RES 306-A-18	Sex- and Gender-Based Medicine	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	The LCME and COCA were notified of the house action asking that our AMA work collaboratively with the LCME and other interested organizations for the inclusion of sex- and gender-based differences within the curricular content for medical school accreditation.

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RES 307-A-18	Healthcare Finance in the Medical School Curriculum	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting.
RES 309-A-18	Foreign Trained IMGs Competency-Based Specialty Exam Without U.S. Residency	Not Adopted.	
RES 311-A-18	Opioid Education for New Trainees and Practicing Physicians	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>The House action was transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via an AMA press release.</p> <p>Our AMA has ongoing collaboration with partners related to this topic, and numerous educational modules are available via our AMA's Education Center.</p>
RES 312-A-18	Suicide Awareness Training	Adopted as Amended.	<p>PS2 and the Education Center are developing a multi-disciplinary, evidence-based educational module to train and guide physicians on identifying suicidal risk and taking appropriate steps to prevent suicide in patients, physician colleagues and other members of the care team. Planned completion is Q1 2019.</p> <p>The House Action was transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via an AMA press release.</p> <p>The AMA has developed a dynamic evidence-based education module to train and guide physicians on identifying suicide risk and taking appropriate steps to prevent suicide in patients and colleagues. The module will be launched on the Ed Hub in June 2019 and promoted via multiple AMA channels throughout the rest of 2019. The AMA is considering the curation and/or development and dissemination of other relevant resources to provide physicians with access to education and information on identifying and preventing physician suicide.</p>
RES 313-A-18	Financial Literacy for Medical Students and Residents	Adopted as Amended.	The House Action was transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via an AMA Wire article.
RES 314-A-18	Board Certification Changes Impact Access to Addiction Medicine Specialists	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting.

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RES 315-A-18	Peer-Facilitated Intergroup Dialogue to Promote Cultural Competence and Humility	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) were notified of the AMA House of Delegates action and asked to encourage the inclusion of peer-facilitated intergroup dialogue in medical education programs nationwide.
RES 316-A-18	End “Part 4 Improvement in Medical Practice” Requirement for ABMS MOC®	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 317-A-18	Emerging Technologies (Robotics and AI) in Medical School Education	Referred.	Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 318-A-18	AMA Convene Stakeholders to Transition USMLE to Pass/Fail Scoring	Adopted as Amended.	The Council met with the FSMB and NBME (co-administrators of the USMLE program) in September 2018 for continued discussion regarding improvements to the scoring of and feedback related to the Step exams.
RES 319-A-18	All Payer Graduate Medical Education Funding	Adopted.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 25 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 320-A-18	Young Physician Involvement in Maintenance of Certification	Adopted.	Commentary was submitted to the ABMS Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission asking that junior diplomates be given equal opportunity to serve on ABMS and its member boards. The ABMS was notified of the House action which asks the ABMS and member boards to encourage the inclusion of younger physicians on the ABMS and its member boards.

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RES 401-A-18	Danger from Bright Vehicle Headlights	Substitute Resolution 401 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 401-A-18.	Our AMA will send a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urging the agency to issue a proposed rule to integrate automated high-beam to low-beam headlight switching lamps into the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in October 2018 on potential changes to FMVSS No. 108; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated equipment, to permit the certification of adaptive driving beam headlighting systems, if the manufacturer chooses to equip vehicles with these systems. This was in direct response to ongoing concerns about brightness and glare caused by outdated, existing regulations. The comment period for the proposed rule ended on December 11, 2018. The final regulation has not yet been released. Our AMA staff will continue to monitor the status of the final regulation.
RES 402-A-18	Schools as Gun-Free Zones	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 403-A-18	School Safety and Mental Health	Policy H-345.977 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 403-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 404-A-18	Emphasizing the Human Papillomavirus Vaccines as Anti-Cancer Prophylaxis for a Gender-Neutral Demographic	Policy D-170.995 Adopted as Amended, in Lieu of Resolution 404-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 405-A-18	Racial Housing Segregation as a Determinant of Health and Public Access to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 407-A-18	Support for Research of Boxes for Babies' Sleeping Environment	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 408-A-18	Ending Money Bail to Decrease Burden on Lower Income Communities	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 409-A-18	Food Advertising Targeted to Youth	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	Our AMA is monitoring legislation related to food advertising and youth and will support legislations that is consistent with our policy.

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RES 410-A-18	Opposition to Measures that Criminalize Homelessness	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 28 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)
RES 411-A-18	Reporting Child Abuse in Military Families	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 412-A-18	Reducing the Use of Restrictive Housing in Prisoners with Mental Illness	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to encourage appropriate stakeholders, at the state level, to develop and implement alternatives to solitary confinement for incarcerated persons in all correctional facilities.
RES 413-A-18	Improving Safety and Health Code Compliance in School Facilities	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 29 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)
RES 414-A-18	Sex Education Materials for Students with Limited English Proficiency	Policy H-170.968 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 414-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 416-A-18	Medical Respite Care for Homeless Adults	Adopted as Amended.	A letter has been drafted to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC) encouraging study of Medical Respite Care for homeless persons.
RES 417-A-18	Reducing Disparities in Obstetric Outcomes, Maternal Morbidity, and Prenatal Care	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has reached out to relevant stakeholders working to address disparities in maternal morbidity and mortality.

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RES 418-A-18	A Guide for Best Health Practices for Seniors Living in Retirement Communities	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The AMA Senior Physicians Section will review best health practices for senior independent living communities, and will advocate for and provide resources online for these services. Revised guidance is expected by the end of the year.</p> <p>EC will provide any messaging and resources necessary or desired to spread the word. The AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS) reached out to the following organizations with a letter in January 2019 requesting resources: American Public Health Association; American Association of Public Health Physicians; American Association of Retired Persons; American Geriatrics Society; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and US Public Health Service.</p> <p>In March, the AMA-SPS developed a list of best health practices for senior independent living communities based on the information received and prepared a list of resources to access on the AMA-SPS website at https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/senior-physicians. Senior physicians who live in such communities can now access this resource to enhance the health of their community's residents.</p>
RES 419-A-18	Violence Prevention	Resolved 1 Referred for Report at I-18; Resolved 2 Not Adopted, Resolved 3 Referred for Report at I-18.	<p>Board of Trustees Report 11 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 11-I-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>
RES 420-A-18	Mandatory Influenza Vaccination Policies for Healthcare Workers	Not Adopted.	
RES 421-A-18	Product Date Labels	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA will send a letter to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration urging them to standardize date labels on food products to ensure that the labels address safety concerns.
RES 422-A-18	School Drinking Water Quality Testing, Monitoring, and Maintenance	Policy H-135.928 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 422-A-18.	Our AMA will send a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency urging them to implement a rulemaking process to amend the federal lead and copper rules to include the creation and implementation of standardized protocols and regulations pertaining to water quality testing, reporting and remediation in order to ensure the safety of water in schools and child care centers.
RES 423-A-18	Grill Brush Warning	Adopted.	AMA policy was transmitted to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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RES 424-A-18	Rape and Sexual Abuse on College Campuses	Adopted as Amended.	Per the resolution, EC has drafted a release and quote from Dr. Hammon expressing concerns about the problems of sexual violence on college campuses. The release was shared with reporters.
RES 425-A-18	Hospital Food Labeling	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 426-A-18	Decrease Adolescent Mortality Through More Comprehensive Graduated Driver Licensing Programs	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 427-A-18	Support Gun Buyback Programs in Order to Reduce the Number of Circulating Unwanted Firearms	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 428-A-18	LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Sex Education Alongside Heterosexual Sex Education	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 429-A-18	E-Cigarette Ingredients	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA will send a letter to the FDA urging them to increase their regulation of e-cigarette ingredients by prohibiting the sale of any e-cigarette cartridges and e-liquid refills that do not include a complete list of ingredients on its packaging, and to require that an accurate nicotine content of e-cigarettes, e-cigarette cartridges and e-liquid refills be prominently displayed on the product alongside a warning of the addictive quality of nicotine.
RES 430-A-18	Vector-Borne Diseases	Resolveds 1 and 2 Referred. Resolved 3 Adopted.	The CDC currently engages in research, education, reporting, and tracking on vector-borne diseases. Our AMA will continue to advocate for the continuation of this activity. Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to advocate for local, state and national research, education, reporting and tracking on vector-borne diseases. Council on Science and Public Health on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee D)
RES 431-A-18	Low Nicotine Cigarette Product Standard	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee #)

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RES 432-A-18	Legal Action to Compel FDA to Regulate E-Cigarettes	Adopted.	Our American Medical Association, along with numerous other medical organizations, submitted an amicus brief to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in Case No. 8:18-cv-883, entitled American Academy of Pediatrics v. Food and Drug Administration. This case seeks to compel the FDA to take timely action to establish effective regulation of e-cigarettes, cigars, and other nicotine products. The brief urged the court to grant the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment.
RES 433-A-18	Firearm Safety	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 434-A-18	Health Care Workplace Ergonomics	Adopted.	<p>The ACGME, AOA, and American Hospital Association (AHA) were notified of the House action that asks the AMA to: (1) support research on reducing physician and staff ergonomic injuries in the health care workplace, including but not limited to studying medical instrument and work station design and development; and (2) work with resident training programs, hospitals and other interested parties to help integrate evidence-based ergonomics programs with other types of wellness programs for physicians and medical staffs.</p> <p>Efforts to direct specific funding to health care work place ergonomics will require action as part of the Labor-HHS- Education appropriations bill as opposed to authorizing legislation. The FY 2019 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services proposed moving the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) into the National Institutes of Health and significantly reducing its funding from \$335 million to \$200 million. Congressional appropriators worked to restore the funding and oppose moving the agency from CDC. For the most part, they did not direct funding to any particular topic of research. Ultimately, NIOSH received a slight increase in funding and was preserved as part of CDC. Going forward, our AMA will engage the appropriate agencies to determine the best path to encouraging their efforts in the areas of health care workplace ergonomics.</p> <p>A letter was distributed to medical education program leadership encouraging them to integrate wellness programs that include evidence-based ergonomics programs for residents, physicians, and medical staffs. A letter was also distributed to research funding institutions encouraging them to support research on reducing physician and staff ergonomic injuries in the health care workplace as well as research that will identify actionable strategies to improve workflow, practice design and medical instrument development.</p>

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RES 502-A-18	Expedited Prescription Cannabidiol (CBD) Drug Rescheduling	Resolution 502 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 509, with Change in Title.	Our AMA has notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work with them to encourage state controlled substance authorities, boards of pharmacy, and legislative bodies to take the necessary steps including regulation and legislation to reschedule U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved cannabidiol products, or make any other necessary regulatory or legislative change, as expeditiously as possible so that they will be available to patients immediately after approval by the FDA and rescheduling by the DEA. Our AMA has also notified its Federation partners of its desire to work with any interested partners in advocating, at the state level, that an FDA-approved cannabidiol medication should be governed only by the federal and state regulatory provisions that apply to other prescription-only products, such as dispensing through pharmacies, rather than by these various state laws applicable to unapproved cannabis products.
RES 503-A-18	Advocating for Anonymous Reporting of Overdoses by First Responders and Emergency Physicians	Policy H-95.940 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 503-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 504-A-18	Ending the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) policy on Mifepristone (Mifeprex)	Adopted.	Our AMA has communicated to FDA that it supports removing REMS on the drug mifepristone.
RES 505-A-18	Researching Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Testing	Not Adopted.	
RES 506-A-18	Non-Therapeutic Gene Therapies	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 506, sponsored by the Medical Student Section, asked our AMA to partner with relevant institutions to encourage the development of safety guidelines, regulations, and permissible uses of performance enhancing, non-therapeutic gene therapies. The House of Delegates supported referral for decision of Resolution 506 due to concern that other organizations are in a better position to lead the requested effort and that the nontherapeutic use of gene therapies is contrary to the AMA Code of Medical Ethics.</p> <p>The Board considered a report on this subject and determined that the request is contrary to existing AMA policy on use of performance enhancing interventions and to the AMA Code of Medical Ethics</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 506-A-18, “Non-Therapeutic Gene Therapies not be adopted.</p>

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RES 507-A-18	Opioid Treatment Programs Reporting to Prescription Monitoring Programs	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 30 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 508-A-18	Mitochondrial Donation	Adopted with Change in Title.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 509-A-18	Opposing the Classification of Cannabidoil as a Schedule 1 Drug	Resolution 502 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 509, with Change in Title.	See Resolution 502-A-18.
RES 511-A-18	Education for Recovering Patients On Opiate Use After Sobriety	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 512-A-18	Physician and Patient Education about the Risk of Synthetic Cannabinoid Use	Policies H-95.940 and D-95.970 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 512-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 513-A-18	Hand Sanitizer Effectiveness	Not Adopted.	
RES 514-A-18	Effects of Virtual Reality on Human Health	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 515-A-18	Information Regarding Animal-Derived Medications	Referred.	Report 12 of the Board of Trustees appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 12-I-18 were Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 516-A-18	Waste Incinerator Ban	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 517-A-18	Impact of Natural Disasters on Pharmaceutical Supply and Public Health	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2-A-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutuion 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 2-A-18.

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RES 518-A-18	Portable Listening Devices and Noise Induced Hearing Loss	Policy H-440.957 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 518-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 521-A-18	EPA Glider Truck Standard	Policy D-135.996 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 521-A-18.	In late July, the Environmental Protection Agency reversed the agency's previous move to suspend enforcement of stricter emission limits for glider trucks through 2019 and announced it would enforce stricter pollution controls on glider trucks. In a three-page memo to his deputies, Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler said he would withdraw the "no action assurance" letter the agency had given the manufacturers of glider trucks under former Administrator Scott Pruitt. Also in July, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit granted a stay in an emergency motion brought by environmental groups challenging Pruitt's "no action assurance" letter. Our AMA will continue to monitor developments related to glider trucks, including the 2017 proposed rule to repeal limits on glider trucks.
RES 522-A-18	Silence Science: EPA Proposed Data Policy	Not Adopted.	
RES 523-A-18	Biosimilar Interchangeability Pathway	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has been working with FDA and other healthcare stakeholders on ensuring a robust biosimilar pathway. Our AMA included comments urging the FDA to make all efforts to bring biosimilars to market quickly in its response to the Administration's drug pricing blueprint. Our AMA also submitted a September 2018 letter in response to FDA's Biosimilar Action Plan and public meeting noting strong support for competitive biosimilars in the US.
RES 524-A-18	Naloxone on Commercial Airlines	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 525-A-18	Tramadol Change from DEA Schedule IV to Schedule III	Not Adopted.	
RES 526-A-18	Direct to Consumer Laboratory Testing	Adopted.	The subject of Resolution 526-A-18 will be addressed in AMA Wire during November 2018. Additionally regarding the first resolve - our AMA has communicated to FDA the need for vigilant oversight of DTC laboratory testing and continues to work closely with FDA and Congress to ensure appropriate oversight of clinical testing services. The subject of Resolution 526-A-18 was addressed in an AMA Article on November 20, 2018 (https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/precision-medicine/what-your-patients-must-know-about-direct-consumer-lab-tests).

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RES 601-A-18	Creation of LGBTQ Health Specialty Section Council	Adopted.	<p>Our AMA LGBTQ Advisory Committee is collaborating with the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) who will begin managing the new section council after the 2018 Interim Meeting.</p> <p>Our AMA LGBTQ Advisory Committee staff worked with the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) staff to transition logistical responsibilities and directed them to Federation staff for future support. The LGBTQ Health Specialty Section Council held its first official meeting in conjunction with the 2018 Interim Meeting of our AMA House of Delegates.</p>
RES 602-A-18	Health Fitness Partnerships	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA Member Benefits PLUS program is in negotiations with a potential health fitness partner that would provide members-only access to a large network of nationally recognized gym brands and boutique studios at a variety of deeply discounted price points. It is anticipated that a partnership is forthcoming.</p> <p>Our AMA Member Benefits PLUS program is actively searching and has attempted to negotiate with several potential health fitness partners that would provide member-only access to a large network of both nationally recognized gym brands and boutique studios at a variety of deeply discounted price points. Thus far, our AMA has not achieved success in closing on a national partnership.</p>
RES 603-A-18	Eliminating Food Waste Through Recovery	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 604-A-18	AMA Delegation Entitlements	Referred with Report Back at I-18.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting.
RES 605-A-18	Practicing Physician Declining Membership Analysis	Not Adopted.	
RES 606-A-18	Training Physicians in the Art of Public Forum	Referred.	<p>Board of Trustees Report 10 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 10-I-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 606-A-18 with Change in Title, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>
RES 607-A-18	Discounted/Waived CPT Fees as an AMA Member Benefit and for Membership Promotion	Referred for Report at A-19.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 24 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee F)</p>

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RES 608-A-18	Divestment from Companies Whose Primary Business is Fossil Fuel	Recommendations in BOT Report 34-A-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 608-A-18, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The AMA will formally assess whether divestment of financial investments in companies that generate the majority of their revenue from the exploration for, production of, transportation of, or sale of fossil fuels would be fiscally responsible and consistent with legal and fiduciary duties, as part of its annual investment policy review. Since AMA has no current investments in companies that generate the majority of their revenue from mining coal for use in energy production, the annual review next year will include an assessment of whether changes may be fiduciarily appropriate to avoid future investments in such companies.</p> <p>The AMA has added language in all requests for proposals to vendors that ask them to describe their sustainability initiatives, environmental policy statements and any third party certifications.</p> <p>The AMA is seeking expertise to develop resources and materials that will be made available to physicians.</p>
RES 701-A-18	Employed Physicians Bill of Rights	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 13 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>
RES 702-A-18	Basic Practice Professional Standards of Physician Employment	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 13 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>
RES 703-A-18	Economic Credentialing	Policy H-180.963 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 713-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 704-A-18	Non-Payment and Audit Takebacks by CMS	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 31 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>

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RES 705-A-18	Modify the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 705, sponsored by the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY), asked our AMA to: adopt the position that it is proper to remove the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA 88) certification mandate requirement for physicians who only use CLIA-waived tests and physician-performed microscopy. The HOD voted to refer Resolution 705 to the Board for decision.</p> <p>Based on the foregoing, it is essential that CLIA 88 requirements remain in place to ensure the accuracy of CLIA-waived tests and PPM. At this time, advocating that Congress and CMS roll back oversight of clinical testing that occurs in a physician office laboratory would be misaligned with the AMA's efforts to underscore the important role that such tests play in rapid and accurate clinical decision-making.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 705-A-18, "Modify the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment of 1988" not be adopted.</p>
RES 706-A-18	Ensuring Medicare Coverage for Long Term Care	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 707-A-18	Health Plan Payment of Patient Cost-Sharing	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>
RES 710-A-18	Code Status Through the Continuum of Care	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA staff have had conversations with CMS officials about the need to revise the rules that prevent the transfer of code status across the continuum of care in order to better care for our patients and their caregivers. Our AMA will continue to look for opportunities to secure this change.
RES 711-A-18	Compensation for Pre-Authorization Requests	Policy H-320.939 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 713-A-18.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 712-A-18	Alternative Payment Models and Vulnerable Populations	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>
RES 713-A-18	Corporate Investors	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 11 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)</p>

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RES 714-A-18	Laboratory Benefit Managers	Substitute Resolution 714 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 714.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 715-A-18	The Obligatory Nature and Enduring Purpose of the Self-Governed Organized Medical Staff	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 716-A-18	Hospital Closures and Physician Credentialing	Referred for Report Back at I-18.	Board of Trustees Report 9 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 9-I-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 717-A-18	Impact of the High Capital Cost of Hospital EHRs on the Medical Staff	Adopted.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 32 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2019 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee #G)