



Resident  
and Fellow  
Section

# Summary of Actions

35<sup>th</sup> Interim Business Meeting  
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Sheraton French Quarter  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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**American Medical Association-Resident and Fellow Section  
Summary of Actions (I-10)**

Actions taken by the Assembly are outlined below in three sections: I) RFS Resolutions, II) RFS Reports, III) RFS Resolutions and Reports in the HOD

**I. RFS RESOLUTIONS**

RFS Resolution	Action	Policy
Resolution 1 - US Farm Subsidies	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p><del>RESOLVED, That the AMA actively lobby for reform of the US Farm Bill to reflect the above preexistent AMA policy goals; be it obesity related, environmental, energy, price equality/ reduction of crop specific subsidies, food safety, chemical use, education, caloric overconsumption of low cost foods, antimicrobial use in livestock, and excess sodium use; and be it further</del></p> <p><u>RESOLVED, That our AMA support reform of the US Farm Bill and That the AMA work with legislators to redirect subsidies in the US Farm Bill budget that perpetuate are calorie-dense, nutrition-poor products which high in fat, cholesterol, sodium and high fructose corn syrup toward programs aimed at combating obesity.; and be it further</u></p> <p><del>RESOLVED, That this be forwarded immediately to AMA HOD at I 11.</del></p>
Resolution 2 - Prescription Drug Shortages: A National Emergency	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p><del>RESOLVED, That our AMA-RFS <u>acknowledge</u> study the critical issue of <u>unsafe and unverifiable medicines and medicine shortages in the United States and support legislative efforts to address these issues. and report back with short and long term remedies for mitigating and/or solving the problem and be it further</u></del></p> <p><del>RESOLVED, That our AMA immediately communicate its concern to the White House, the Institute of Medicine and HHS, and ask that the Administration join with the AMA to immediately address this public health emergency.</del></p>
Resolution 3 - Opting Out of Health Information Exchanges	SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED	<u>RESOLVED, That our AMA include in its current ongoing study of health information exchanges, concern for potential risks to patient privacy and safeguards against compromise of patient information.</u>
Resolution 4 - Preserving the Opportunity to Moonlight	SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED	<u>RESOLVED, That our AMA work with ACGME, AOA and GME programs to discourage denying resident and fellow physicians the opportunity for internal and external moonlighting that complies with current ACGME or AOA policy</u>
Resolution 5 - Health Policy Education in Medical School and Residency	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	RESOLVED, That our AMA work with interested organizations to develop <u>and incorporate</u> a health policy curriculum into <del>for</del> medical school and residency training that is based on a list of core topics integral to the fundamental understanding of health policy (Directive to Take Action).

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Resolution 6 - Making GME Financing and Reform a Priority for AMA	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA recognize that funding for and distribution of positions for graduate medical education (GME) are in crisis in the United States and that meaningful and comprehensive reform is urgently needed; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA immediately work with Congress to expand medical residencies in a balanced fashion based on expected specialty needs throughout our nation to produce a geographically distributed and appropriately sized physician workforce; and to make increasing support and funding for GME programs and residencies a top priority of the AMA in its national political agenda; (Directive to take action) and be it further</p> <p><del>RESOLVED, That our AMA conduct a study of the current status of the GME system of the United States of the depth and scope of the Flexner Report's analysis of medical school education, with an emphasis on the problems related to the funding and distribution of residency positions; (Directive to take action) and be it further</del></p> <p><del>RESOLVED, That our AMA furnish a study of the current status of the GME system as a guideline for funding reforms and for future expansion of residency programs to help correct specialty shortages in physician workforce; and be it further</del></p> <p><del>RESOLVED, That our AMA report back to the HOD on the progress of this study no later than Interim 2012.</del></p>
Resolution 7 - Elimination of the Secured Examination Requirement for Maintenance of Certification	NOT ADOPTED	N/A
Resolution 8 - Board Certification of Physician and Surgeons	NOT ADOPTED	N/A

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Resolution 9 - Transparency in Consumer Communications	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA request Federal Trade Commission (FTC) investigation of whether advertising which refers to certain "board certifications" is false and misleading under the FTCA and FTC regulations when it refers to boards that are so-called "knock-off boards," (i.e. those which have weak certification standards and give the false appearance of certification by a competent certifying body) (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA <del>federal government relations staff investigate the feasibility of adding the following</del> <u>advocate for language from section 4 (a) of the current AMA Truth in Advertising Campaign model bill be added to current legislation on health care transparency</u> (Directive to Take Action).</p>
Resolution 10 - Reimbursement Data for Non-physician Health Care Providers from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	NOT ADOPTED	N/A

## II. RFS REPORTS

Report	Action	Policy
Report C – Sunset Mechanism 2000 Actions to Reaffirm	ADOPTED	The 2001 Actions in the Sunset Report were Reaffirmed
Report D – Sunset Mechanism 2000 Actions to Rescind	ADOPTED	The 2001 Actions in the Sunset Report were Rescinded
Report E - Sectional Delegate Election Procedures	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<p>RFS Internal Operating Procedures amended as follows:</p> <p>iii. Unfilled Seats/Runoff Elections. If there are unfilled Sectional Delegate seats after the election, a runoff election will be held between the remaining candidates receiving the most votes with the exact number of candidates participating in the runoff to be determined by <u>the formula <math>2n+1</math> inclusive of ties, where n equals the number of seats up for election, or the total number of remaining candidates, whichever is less.</u> <del>the Governing Council based upon the results of the initial balloting.</del> During the run-off election, the candidate(s) who receive(s) the highest number of votes, with a majority of legal votes cast, shall be elected. <u>If any runoff election results in no seats being filled (due to no candidate achieving a majority), the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from balloting for the subsequent runoff election.</u> This process will continue until all Sectional Delegate and Alternate Delegate seats are filled. If unfilled seats remain after elections are completed, one additional Sectional Delegate and Alternate Delegate per endorsing state/specialty society will be allowed in a subsequent balloting period. This process will continue through as many counting rounds as needed until all Sectional Delegate and Alternate Delegate seats are filled.</p>

<b>Report</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Report F - Reimbursement for Phone Consultations	ADOPTED	1. That our AMA work with all relevant parties to create a method of billing and reimbursement for phone consultations.
Report G - Report on the Deficiency in Medical Education Relating to Autopsy	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That our AMA continue to work with all relevant organizations to advocate for participation in an autopsy during medical school or residency training.</li> <li>2. That our AMA continue to work with all relevant organizations to overcome legislative and other barriers to improving autopsy rates.</li> <li>3. That our AMA (RFS) work with all relevant parties to develop a <del>standard</del> <u>a model</u> curriculum or teaching module on discussion of autopsy, obtaining consent, and autopsy results as part of a patient care specialty.</li> </ol>

### III. HOD RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS

<b>Resolution/Report</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Resolution 006 – Removing Financial Barriers to Living Organ Donation	REFERRED	N/A
Resolution 923 – Increasing Awareness of Ionizing Radiation Exposure from Medical Imaging		<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support education and standards for all providers and medical personnel using ionizing and non-ionizing radiation that includes awareness of, and methods to avoid, patient over-radiation; and be it further (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA support policies that promote the safe use of medical imaging devices, informed clinical decision-making regarding the use of procedures that use radiation, and patient awareness of medical radiation exposure; and be it further (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage the continued development and use of standardized electronic medical record systems that will help physicians track the number of imaging procedures a patient is receiving, in both the in-patient and out-patient settings, which will help physicians discuss the potential dangers of high level of radiation exposure with patients (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA support public initiatives, such as the “Image Wisely” and “Image Gently” campaigns, which aim to increase awareness of radiation in the medical setting and reduce exposure. (New HOD Policy)</p>
Resolution – Reimbursement for Phone Consultations	NOT CONSIDERED AT I-11	N/A