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Memo to: Delegates and Alternate Delegates
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Subject: Implementation of Resolutions and Report Recommendations (I-11)
and Follow-Up Implementation Chart (A-11)

In accordance with the directive of the House of Delegates in June 2003, enclosed for your information is a chart outlining the actions taken to date by the Board of Trustees, Councils, Committees, and staff on those resolutions and report recommendations adopted, referred or referred for decision by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.

House action now requires that status be reported over a one-year period. In response to that action, also attached is the "Follow-Up Implementation of Resolutions and Report Recommendations for A-11." Please note that any new information reported on this chart is in **bold type**.

Attachments

Follow-Up on Implementation of Resolutions and Report Recommendations AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting - June 18-22, 2011

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
BOT Report 01-A-11	AMA History of Medicine Fellowship (Resolution 603-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 01 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	No Action Required.
BOT Report 02-A-11	Ethical Considerations in the Development of Medical Practice Guidelines (Resolutions 3-A-10, 5-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 02 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 03-A-11	Auditor's Report	Filed.	
BOT Report 05-A-11	AMA Mission and Vision Statement (Resolution 001-I-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 05 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 07-A-11	Evidence-Based Standard Requirement for Governmental Regulation (Resolution 223-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 07 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AMA has weighed in extensively on the Obama Administration's efforts to streamline regulations. We also repeatedly push the Administration to make changes in regulations in order to ease the burden on physicians. We have secured a number of positive changes in a host of programs, including PECOS, e-prescribing and RACs. More, however, remains to be done. We will continue to look for opportunities to secure a legislative change regarding an ongoing evidence-based review of regulations.
BOT Report 08-A-11	Physicians Should be Able to Cancel or Rescind Renewals of Prescriptions After the Prescription Has Been Delivered to the Pharmacy (Resolution 713-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 08 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA has communicated with the Federation notifying them that the AMA would like to work with them on legislation that would authorize physicians to cancel or rescind renewals of prescriptions previously written.
BOT Report 10-A-11	National Health Service Corps: Stronger AMA Representation in Decision Making Process	Filed.	

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BOT Report 12-A-11	Impact of Sickle Cell Disease as a Chronic Illness (Resolution 904-I-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 12 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 14-A-11	Current Medical Tort System (Resolution 227-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 14 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	No Action Required.
BOT Report 15-A-11	Marriage Equality (Resolutions 219-A-10, 209-I-10 and 210-I-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 15 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 16-A-11	Standardized User Interface for all Electronic Medical Records (BOT Report 19-A-10 and Resolution 624-A-09)	Recommendations in BOT Report 16 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Implemented. In conjunction with advocacy we submitted testimony related to the usability of electronic medical records. We continue to discuss the need for improved usability of EMRs with ONC and CMS. No further action required.
BOT Report 17-A-11	Performance Measures for Evaluating the Cost of Care	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Two measure sets which include measures of overuse and appropriate use are currently out for public comment, and are expected to be approved by the PCPI in the fourth quarter of 2011. Along with The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS), the AMA-PCPI formed the Sinusitis Work Group to identify and define quality measures aimed at improving outcomes for patients with acute and chronic Sinusitis. AMA-PCPI, along with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) developed Maternity Care measures aimed at improving outcomes for mothers and babies. Upon PCPI approval of Maternity Care and Sinusitis measures PCPI staff will coordinate with ACOG and AAO-HNS on developing communications to medical society members. Topics for measures of overuse and appropriate use will be part of a call for measures, and is on the agenda for the fall PCPI meeting. In seeking opportunities to align measures of quality with measures of cost, PCPI as part of CMS funded project, in collaboration with ABMS, Brandeis University and HCI3 has developed a prototype episode grouper system including framework to align quality measurement and episodes of care.
BOT Report 18-A-11	Reduced AMA Dues for Physicians, Residents and Medical Students (Resolution 618-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	No Action Required.

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BOT Report 19-A-11	Physician-Assisted Regulation of Firearm Access by Suicidal Patients (Resolution 414-A-09)	Recommendations in BOT Report 19 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	No Action Required.
BOT Report 21-A-11	Status Report on the Alternative Membership Models Project and Organization of Organizations (Resolution 608-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 21 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Board of Trustees Report 12 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 21 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
BOT Report 22-A-11	Council on Legislation Sunset Review of 2001 House Policies	Recommendations in BOT Report 22 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 23-A-11	AMA Dues - 2012	Recommendations in BOT Report 23 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Implemented. Board of Trustees Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee F)
BOT Report 24-A-11	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates - Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 24 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 26-A-11	Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates - Official Observer Status in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 26 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	ECFMG apprised of House action and invited to Interim Meeting. No representative will attend I-11 due to schedule conflicts; planning to attend A-12.
CCB Report 01-A-11	AMA Bylaws 6.50 and the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs' Jurisdiction	Referred.	A Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CCB Report 02-A-11	CCB's Sunset Review of 2001 House Policies and Directives	Recommendations in CCB Report 02 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CCB Report 03-A-11	Creation of an AMA Minority Affairs Section	Referred.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 2-I-11 was adopted at the 2011 Interim Meeting. The report included the bylaw language to establish the Minority Affairs Section. This report will provide additional bylaw language.
CCB Report 04-A-11	AMA Sections and the Role of the Council on Long Range Planning and Development and the Board of Trustees	Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Bylaws amended accordingly.
CCB Report 05-A-11	AMA Governance Entities: Bylaws and Policy	Recommendations in CCB Report 05 Adopted.	Bylaws amended accordingly.
CCB Report 06-A-11	Delineated and Fixed AMA Sections	Recommendations in CCB Report 06 Adopted.	Bylaws amended accordingly.
CCB Report 07-A-11	An Editorial Correction to AMA Bylaw 2.111	Recommendations in CCB Report 07 Adopted.	Bylaws amended accordingly.
CEJA Report 01-A-11	Financial Relationships with Industry in Continuing Medical Education	Recommendations in CEJA Report 01 Adopted.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Opinion 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Informational) HOD Action: Filed.
CEJA Report 02-A-11	Physician Responsibilities for Safe Patient Discharge from Health Care Facilities (Resolution 4-I-08)	Not Adopted.	
CEJA Report 03-A-11	Physician Stewardship of Health Care Resources	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Referred.
CEJA Report 05-A-11	Amendment to Opinion E-2.146, "Cloning for Biomedical Research"	Recommendations in CEJA Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Opinion 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Informational) HOD Action: Filed.

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CEJA Report 06-A-11	Informed Consent in Research Involving Stored Human Biological Materials (Resolution 1-A-10)	Recommendations in CEJA Report 06 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CEJA Report 08-A-11	CEJA's Sunset Review of House Policies	Recommendations in CEJA Report 08 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CME Report 02-A-11	Council on Medical Education Sunset Review of 2001 House of Delegates Policies and Directives	Recommendations in CME Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CME Report 03-A-11	Enhancing Attention to Personal Qualities in Medical School Admission	Recommendations in CME Report 03 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Association of American Medical Colleges and American Osteopathic Association were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
CME Report 05-A-11	Maintaining Educational Quality in the Context of Emerging Models of Medical School Organization and Governance	Recommendations in CME Report 05 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
CME Report 06-A-11	Implementation of Accreditation Standards Related to Medical School Diversity	Recommendations in CME Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The Liaison Committee on Medical Education and Association of American Medical Colleges were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
CME Report 07-A-11	Resident/Fellow Duty Hours, Quality of Physician Training, and Patient Safety	Recommendations in CME Report 07 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and designated institutional officials (DIOs) were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. AMA continues to monitor this issue, but as of this point, no legislation or regulation has been proposed to limit the duty hours of practicing physicians.

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CME Report 08-A-11	Residents and Fellows' Bill of Rights (Resolution 901-I-09)	Recommendations in CME Report 08 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
CME Report 09-A-11	Opposition to Increased CME Provider Fees	Recommendations in CME Report 09 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. Council on Medical Education Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
CME Report 10-A-11	Integration of IMGs Into the US Physician Workforce (Resolutions 306-A-10 and 903-I-10)	Recommendations in CME Report 10 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Federation of State Medical Boards and Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. To date, there have been no H-1B denials reported to the AMA's IMG Section office. Staff will continue to monitor this activity accordingly.
CMS Report 01-A-11	Physician Payment Reform Update (Resolutions 818-I-10, 832-I-10 and 833-I-10)	Recommendations in CMS Report 01 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 02-A-11	Essential Health Care Benefits (Resolution 106-A-10)	Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 03-A-11	Medicaid Coverage of Adults in Psychiatric Hospitals (Resolution 114-A-10)	Recommendations in CMS Report 03 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AMA continues to monitor implementation of the Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration Project, as mandated by Section 2707 of the Affordable Care Act. CMS issued a formal solicitation to the states in August, with a deadline of October 14, 2011 to apply for participation. The Demonstration shall be conducted for a period of 3 consecutive years. States selected to participate in the Demonstration will be asked to begin the Demonstration concurrently after an appropriate period is provided for pre-implementation activities.

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CMS Report 04-A-11	Pay for Value (Resolution 108-A-10)	Recommendation in CMS Report 4 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 105, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 05-A-11	Interpreter Services and Payment Responsibilities	Recommendations in CMS Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 07-A-11	Policy Sunset Report for 2001 AMA Socioeconomic Policies	Recommendations in CMS Report 07 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 08-A-11	Implementing Alternative Health Care Delivery and Physician Payment Models (Resolution 814-I-10)	Recommendations in CMS Report 08 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AMA held ten in-person seminars and several webinars on physician payment and delivery innovations to publicize physician-led models and help physicians identify ways they can lead the development of such innovations in their own communities. The AMA worked with other societies in the Federation to form an Innovators Committee and a Steering Committee as the initial components of the Physician Payment and Delivery Reform Leadership Group. The Innovators Committee developed principles to guide its efforts and is considering potential projects it could undertake that will help practicing physicians engage in these innovations.
CMS Report 09-A-11	Covering the Uninsured and Individual Responsibility (Resolutions 204-I-09 and 816-I-10)	Recommendations in CMS Report 09 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 102, 109 and 114, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 01-A-11	CSAPH's Sunset Review of 2001 House Directives and Policies	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 01 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CSAPH Report 02-A-11	Educating Physicians About Physician Health Programs	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 02 Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>The AMA continues to collaborate with the British Medical Association and the Canadian Medical Associations to advance the agenda on Physician Health and wellness, along with planning the 2012 International Conference on Physician Health to take place in Montreal in October of 2012. Additionally, the AMA has established a Physician Health online Community for discussion of select PH topics and an e-Letter for inclusion of resources and articles related to physician health, wellness, and suicide prevention.</p> <p>The FSPHP, in collaboration with AMA, has formed a workgroup which met via conference call in August. There are plans to research the current various Physician Health Program (PHP) structures, and develop a work plan and follow-up call schedule to advance the work of the resolution.</p>
CSAPH Report 03-A-11	Consumer Medication Information	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 04-A-11	Dietary Intake of Incarcerated Populations (Resolution 420-A-10)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Letters were sent to the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, American Correctional Association, and the Association of State Correctional Administrators encouraging them to mandate adherence to the current Dietary Reference Intakes and Dietary Guidelines for Americans (with adjustments, as needed, for special populations) as a criterion for accreditation and/or standards compliance, until national dietary guidelines specific for adolescent and adult incarcerated populations becomes available. A letter also was sent encouraging the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine to examine the nutrient status and dietary requirements of incarcerated populations and issue guidelines on menu planning for adolescent and adult incarcerated populations.
CSAPH Report 05-A-11	Bisphenol A (Resolution 408-A-10)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
HOD Comp Cmte Repor	Report of the House of Delegates Committee on Compensation of the Officers	Adopted.	

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RES 001-A-11	The Patient-Physician Relationship Must Remain the Primary Ethical Guiding Principle for All Physicians Despite an Ever-Changing Health Care Delivery Environment	Policy E-1.001 be Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 1.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 002-A-11	Support of American Medical Association Code of Ethics	Adopted as Amended.	<p>An educational session on the Code of Medical Ethics will be presented at Interim Meeting.</p> <p>The Code of Ethics has been published in AMA Wire (Oct. 10, 2010), a blog post by the AMA president (June 8, 2011), and in all three AMA Advantage issues targeting physicians, residents and medical students (September 2011 edition). Also promoted Virtual Mentor, the AMA's online ethics journal, numerous times in AMA Wire, including Sept. 7, 2011, and in the September 2011 edition of AMA Advantage.</p> <p>The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs presented an educational session on the Code of Medical Ethics during the Council's Open Forum at the 2011 Interim Meeting. The Open Forum was attended by 115 participants and received favorable reviews.</p>
RES 003-A-11	National Discussion on End-of-Life Care	Adopted as Amended.	<p>AMA will participate in National Health Decisions Day (April 2012).</p> <p>AMA did not participate in the 2012 National Health Decisions Day.</p>
RES 004-A-11	Automatic Conflicting Policy Recission	Referred.	<p>Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in CCB Report 3 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>
RES 006-A-11	Issuing a Postage Stamp to Commemorate the Centennial of the Groundbreaking Public Health Experiments on Pellagra by Joseph Goldberger, MD in Mississippi	Referred.	<p>Board of Trustees Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee C&B)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 7 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>
RES 007-A-11	Exhibition of Plasticized Bodies Without Known Informed Consent Status	Adopted as Amended	<p>A letter signed by Dr. Madara was sent on September 22, 2011 requesting the Department of State - Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor to participate in a thorough investigation of the manner in which plasticized remains have been obtained to assure that international human rights norms, including informed consent for the donation, have been followed.</p>

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RES 008-A-11	The Physician's Right to Engage in Independent Advocacy on Behalf of Patients, the Profession, and the Community	Adopted.	Board of Trustees Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 101-A-11	Payment for Cognitive Services for Monitoring Chronic Opioid Use	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 102-A-11	Support for Individual Responsibility to Participate in Insurance Coverage	Recommendations in CMS Report 09 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 102, 109 and 114, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CMS Report 9.
RES 103-A-11	Health Plan Coverage for Smoking Cessation	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 104-A-11	American Health Care Access, Innovation, Satisfaction and Quality	Adopted.	A Board of Trustees report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. A Board of Trustees report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 105-A-11	Compensating the Value of Physician Work	Recommendation in CMS Report 4 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 105, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CMS Report 4.
RES 106-A-11	Correcting the Practice Expense Component of GPCI	Referred.	Council on Medical Service Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J) HOD Action: Recommendations in CMS Report 1-I-11 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 107-A-11	Expenditure of Medicaid Dollars	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 108-A-11	Understanding Risk Before Contracting with Accountable Care Organizations	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 109-A-11	Encouraging Individual Responsibility to Own Health Insurance with Tax Incentives Rather than a Federal Mandate	Recommendations in CMS Report 09 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 102, 109 and 114, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CMS Report 9.
RES 110-A-11	Cost and Availability of Insulin	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 111-A-11	Pertussis Vaccination as a Part of Perinatal Bundle	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 112-A-11	Align Charity Care at Home Similar to Charity Work Abroad	Policy D-385.961 be Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 112-A-11.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 113-A-11	Interstate Medicaid Cooperation	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 114-A-11	Reaffirming Support of the Individual Mandate for Health Care Insurance	Recommendations in CMS Report 09 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 102, 109 and 114, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CMS Report 9.
RES 115-A-11	Appropriate Payment for Outpatient Surgery Center Services	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 116-A-11	Dispensing Medically Appropriate Quantities of Formulary Medications	Substitute Resolution 116 Adopted as Amended.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 12 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
RES 117-A-11	Universal Health Insurance Access	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 118-A-11	Patient Navigator Programs	Adopted.	Council on Medical Service Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J) HOD Action: Recommendations in CMS Report 7 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.

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RES 119-A-11	Health Insurance Differences Contribute to Health Care Disparities and Poorer Outcomes	Adopted.	<p>A Board of Trustees report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Letters were sent in August from Dr. Madara to the Commission to End Health Care Disparities (CEHCD) Co-Chairs (Dr. Weather and Dr. Rohack) and to Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Executive Director of AHRQ, urging both organizations to address the issue of disparities in health insurance. (Research work is in progress for an April-2012 Council update and A-12 Progress Report).</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 23 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Informational)</p>
RES 120-A-11	Patient Access to Dual Chamber Pacemaker Therapy	Substitute Resolution 120 Adopted as Amended.	The AMA is planning a meeting with senior CMS staff and specialty societies regarding coverage where we will raise these issues there.
RES 121-A-11	Need to Include Assessment of Economic Impact in Practice Guidelines	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 13 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)</p>
RES 122-A-11	Modification of Relative Value Unit (RVU) Determination	Not Adopted.	
RES 123-A-11	Physician Protection from Risk with Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Board of Trustees Report 18 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B)</p>

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RES 124-A-11	MedPAC Recommendations from June 15, 2011	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 124, introduced by the American College of Cardiology, asked the AMA to: 1) oppose any policy that applies a payment reduction to the professional component of diagnostic services where multiple imaging studies are interpreted by the same practitioner during the same session; and 2) oppose any policy that reduces the physician work component of imaging and other diagnostic tests that are ordered and interpreted by the same practitioner. During discussion in Reference Committee A, a member of the Board of Trustees pointed out that the AMA was already circulating a draft specialty sign-on letter urging members of Congress to reject these two MedPAC proposals. The majority of testimony in the reference committee favored the resolution. However, based on a concern that the resolution did not address all the “problematic” proposals in MedPAC’s report, Reference Committee A recommended that the resolution be referred to the Board of Trustees for decision “so that they can consider the most appropriate way to respond to the MedPAC report in its entirety.”</p> <p>The MedPAC proposals were included in the Commission’s June 2011 Report to Congress on “Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System.” One would extend current “multiple procedure payment reductions” to the professional component as well as the technical component of imaging services. The other would reduce payments for the professional component of imaging and other diagnostic tests that are ordered and interpreted by the same physician. Both MedPAC proposals are inconsistent with AMA policy and the AMA had already registered ongoing opposition to the proposals even before the resolution was considered by the House.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 124 be adopted.</p>
RES 201-A-11	Government Interference in Patient Counseling	Resolution 201 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 223 with Change in Title.	AMA continues to monitor, and stands ready to oppose, any actions or legislation that could have an adverse effect on the patient/physician relationship or communications between these parties regarding the delivery of care. The AMA has also alerted the state medical societies of this activity and stands ready to support litigation against laws that could potentially prove disruptive to this relationship or the parties’ communications.
RES 202-A-11	Opposition to Medicaid Block Grants	Referred.	<p>Council on Medical Service Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in CMS Report 5 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed with Change in Title.</p>
RES 203-A-11	Expert Witness Certification	Adopted as Amended.	AMA has publicized the Florida expert witness legislation to the Federation and expressed an interest in helping them to enact similar expert witness legislation. We have also placed a summary of the Florida legislation on the AMA Web site and will continue to track other state efforts to enact expert witness reform as well.

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RES 204-A-11	Sovereign Immunity for EMTALA-Related Care	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 204, sponsored by the Iowa Delegation, asked the AMA to seek congressional legislation to expand the immunity protections for EMTALA-related care under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA). The House of Delegates heard disparate testimony on this resolution and decided to support referral for decision of Resolution 204-A-11 after discussion in both the Reference Committee and before the full House of Delegates. While there was support for the resolution from those who view it as a way to improve the liability situation for emergency providers, there was concern expressed over the negative effects of expanding the FTCA on physicians and state liability reform laws.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that in lieu of Resolution 204-A-11, AMA policy D-130.971 (The Future of Emergency and Trauma Care) be amended by the addition of a sixth statement: (6) support demonstration programs to evaluate the expansion of liability protections under the Federal Tort Claims Act for EMTALA-related care.</p>
RES 205-A-11	Facilitate Certification of Open Source EMR Software	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 206-A-11	Federal Medical Liability Tort Reform	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 208-A-11	Requiring Patients with HSAs to Obtain Prescriptions for Over-the-Counter Medications and Basic Medical Supplies	Resolution 211 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 208 & 234.	See Resolution 211-A-11.
RES 209-A-11	Remove Requirement of Written Prescriptions for Scheduled II-V Controlled Substances at Extended Care Facilities	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 210-A-11	AMA Improve its Transparency, Accountability, and Communication	Adopted.	<p>AMA continues to enhance all direct and in-direct communications to facilitate more transparency and provide evidence of accountability. Efforts include more targeted electronic communications, more direct member access/contact, improved website and use of surveys and constituent group feedback.</p> <p>Blog posts for On the Road with Dr. Carmel often explained the AMA's position on legislation, such as repealing the sustainable growth rate formula (Sept. 20, 2011). The bi-weekly HSR Insights also provides transparent communications regarding health care legislation and the bi-monthly Federation News also provides information regarding health care legislation.</p>
RES 211-A-11	Repeal of the Federal Restriction on the Use of Tax Exempt Funds to Buy Medications Without a Prescription in the PPACA (Health Reform Law)	Resolution 211 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 208 & 234.	<p>The AMA is working with a multi-stakeholder coalition, the Health Choices Coalition, to repeal Section 9003 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Pub. L. No. 111-148, which prohibits patients from using tax preferred accounts, including flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs), to purchase over-the-counter (OTC) medicines without a prescription. On July 14, 2011 the AMA signed-on to letters of support for the "Restoring Access to Medication Act," which was introduced in the House (H.R. 2529) by Representatives Lynn Jenkins (R-KA) and Shelley Berkley (D-NV) and in the Senate (S. 1368) by Senators Pat Roberts (R-KA) and Ben Nelson (D-NE). The bills would repeal Section 9003 of the ACA. In the House, the bill has been referred to the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees, and in the Senate, it as been referred to the Finance Committee. The AMA also signed-on to letters on May 10, 2011 to the House and Senate Democratic and Republican leaders urging them to repeal the restrictions on tax-preferred accounts for OTC medicines.</p>
RES 212-A-11	Antitrust Relief for Physicians Through Federal Legislation	Resolution 212 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 231.	<p>Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) has introduced, with AMA support, H.R. 1409, the "Quality Health Care Coalition Act of 2011." The bill would allow health care professionals to jointly negotiate with health plans regarding terms that affect patient care, thus restoring physicians' ability to advocate for quality care for their patients and strengthening the patient-physician relationship. No action has been scheduled on the bill as of this date.</p>
RES 213-A-11	CMS Should Provide Date Eligibility Information to Beneficiaries	Adopted.	<p>The AMA sent a letter to CMS encouraging the agency to develop user-friendly mechanisms that will allow Medicare beneficiaries to get information about their dates of eligibility for the various Medicare-covered preventive services.</p>

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RES 214-A-11	Recovery Audit Contractors Should Confirm Problem Has Not Already Been Resolved Before Undertaking an Audit	Adopted.	Building on the oversight that CMS has put in place over the RAC program due to strong ongoing AMA advocacy, the AMA continues to urge CMS to exercise its oversight authority of RACs to ensure that audits are not conducted without clear justification, including urging CMS to deny audit requests in areas where there is new or conflicting policy, as well as ensuring that audits are not initiated for physicians that have self-identified and rectified any billing irregularities.
RES 215-A-11	Support of H.R. 1409 -- Antitrust Relief for Physicians	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 216-A-11	Reprocessing Claims Affected by the Affordable Care Act and by 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Changes	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 217-A-11	Amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>The AMA continues to work with member of Congress to make improvements in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act consistent with this resolution. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMA has endorsed legislation to repeal IPAB. At this time, House leadership has indicated, however, that they are unlikely to bring the bill to the floor for a vote. • AMA continues to monitor efforts to implement Section 3007 of the ACA and expressed our opposition to this unworkable provision to CMS. • Legislation has not been introduced to repeal Section 2706 of the ACA, however AMA continues to explore opportunities to repeal this language. • Liability reform legislation, supported by the AMA, has been introduced and marked-up in committee, but the bill has not been scheduled for a vote. AMA is also leading efforts to encourage the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to include liability reform as a deficit reduction tool in final committee legislation. • Private contracting legislation has been introduced with AMA support. AMA continues to work with states and specialties to build support for this bill. • Antitrust legislation has been introduced with AMA support. <p>The AMA continues to work to ensure the patients selecting insurance through an exchange will have the opportunity to select a health savings account.</p>
RES 218-A-11	Physician Extenders	Referred.	<p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the house of Delegates at the 2013 Annual Meeting.</p>

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RES 219-A-11	Evaluation of the Expanding Scope of Pharmacists' Practice	Resolution 219 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 228 with Change in Title.	AMA continues to collect and disseminate state specific information in collaboration with state medical societies regarding the current scope of practice for pharmacists in each state. Model state legislation to address the expansion of pharmacist scope of practice is in development.
RES 220-A-11	Timely Access to Health Insurance Plan Claims Data	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA has advocated for timely claims data in the context of the proposed Medicare Shared Savings program for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). The AMA has commented to CMS that physicians should prospectively receive the claims data of beneficiaries for whom the ACO will be responsible in an easily accessible format. AMA sent letters to AHIP and the BCBSA asking them to urge their members to make their relevant patient data used for risk profiling or incentive contracting purposes available to the treating physician(s) in a form that permits efficient searching and retrieval of that data.
RES 221-A-11	Comparative Effectiveness Research	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Advocacy is working with the specialty societies who in turn are working with their clinical committees to identify current topics and work is ongoing. They have solicited the input of specialties regarding CER priorities and have shared them with PCORI. In addition, they are planning another meeting this fall with the chair of PCORI and the medical specialty societies to further discuss physician stake holder outreach and CER priority setting. The Council on Legislation is also meeting with PCORI leadership this week.
RES 223-A-11	Talking to Patients About Firearms	Resolution 201 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 223.	See Resolution 201-A-11.
RES 224-A-11	Physical Therapy is Not the Practice of Medicine	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 225-A-11	Payment and Coverage for Voluntary Discussions of End-of-Life Issues	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Sent written correspondence to CMS asking the agency to designate voluntary discussions of end-of-life issues as covered services as part of the 2012 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.
RES 226-A-11	Requiring Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention Programs as Conditions of Participation Under Medicare	Referred.	A Board of Trustees report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 20 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)

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RES 227-A-11	Support of Title X	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 228-A-11	Medication Therapy Management	Resolution 219 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 228.	See Resolution 219-A-11.
RES 229-A-11	Binding Arbitration	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 230-A-11	Sponsorship of Legislation to Modify/Repeal Antitrust Exemptions Afforded to Insurers	Not Adopted.	
RES 231-A-11	Collective Bargaining by Physicians Should be Allowed	Resolution 212 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 231.	See Resolution 212-A-11.
RES 232-A-11	Encouraging the AMA to Ask the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Substantiate Report Findings Regarding Nurse Practitioners	Adopted as Amended.	This resolution requested that AMA contact the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and ask them to 1. reevaluate the role of advanced practice nurses (APRNs) in the physician lead medical home model; 2. look at the demographic distribution of APRNs in independent practice states to indicate there are no true market barriers to competition but that other factors determine the distribution of physicians and APRNs; and, 3. require accuracy in scientific control measures used to determine outcomes between nurse practitioners and physicians. The AMA is committed to supporting the physician-led health care team as the most effective mechanism for delivering health care. In that regard, the AMA is in the process of working with the Federation to develop a proactive, dynamic and unified strategy that addresses the increased push by APRNs for independent practice and payment parity. This strategy includes addressing RWJF activity – both directly and indirectly. Currently, AMA continues to closely monitor the activities of RWJF, its partners and other concerned parties as their policies on the role of APRNs continue to evolve. AMA has discussed RWJF activity with RWJF representatives, specifically expressing concerns over their position as it relates to APRN independence and the shortcomings, from medicine’s perspective, of the recent IOM study, etc. AMA will continue its dialogue with RWJF on this issue and ensure that medicine communicates with RWJF, its partners and the entire health care community in a united, clear and focused manner.
RES 233-A-11	Pharmaceutical Company Prescription Data Purchase	Policy D-315.988 be Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 233.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 234-A-11	Prescription Requirement for Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications	Resolution 211 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 208 & 234.	See Resolution 211-A-11.
RES 235-A-11	Medical Liability of Third Parties	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 235, sponsored by the Organized Medical Staff Section, asked our AMA to foster legislation at the national level in the 112th Congress (2011-2012) that changes federal law to prohibit the exemption from liability of managed care organizations, including plans governed under the Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), for damages resulting from their policies, procedures, or administrative actions taken in relation to patient care. The House of Delegates supported referral for decision of Resolution 235-A-11 due to concern that our AMA has existing policy regarding third party payers and their exemption from medical liability actions, that our AMA has fought for federal legislation on this issue in the past, and that there may be limited opportunity for viable federal legislation in the current Congress.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that AMA policies H-285.915, H-285.939, H-285.945, H-285.995, and H-435.962 be reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 235-A-11.</p>
RES 236-A-11	Combating Enhanced Lawsuit Funding	Adopted.	<p>Board of Trustees Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Informational)</p> <p>HOD Action: Filed.</p>
RES 301-A-11	Due Process in Medical Licensure	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 302-A-11	Study Role of IMGs in US Health Care	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 303-A-11	Unoffered Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Slots	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>The House action was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.</p> <p>AMA continues to work with key congressional members to introduce legislation to improve the J-1 visa waiver program.</p>
RES 304-A-11	Representation on Residency Review Committees	Adopted as Amended.	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.

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RES 305-A-11	Educate the Public as to the Meaning of "Board Certified"	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 306-A-11	Evaluation of Income-Contingent Medical Education Loans	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 307-A-11	Medical School International Service-Learning Opportunities	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 308-A-11	Encouraging Medical Student Professionalism: Affirming Institutional Financial Disclosure Policies During Undergraduate Medical Education	Adopted.	The Liaison Committee on Medical Education, Association of American Medical Colleges, Accreditation of American Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 309-A-11	Encouraging the Inclusion of Preclinical Longitudinal Clinical Experiences in the Medical Education Curriculum	Adopted.	The Association of American Medical Colleges was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 310-A-11	Global Health Education	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 311-A-11	Principles of Authorship in Peer-Reviewed Journals	Substitute Resolution 311 Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Council on Medical Education Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K) The Association of American Medical Colleges was notified of the House action. HOD Action: Recommendations in CME Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 312-A-11	Researching Solutions to the July Effect	Not Adopted.	

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RES 313-A-11	Physical Activity Prescription Writing as Component of Medical Education	Not Adopted.	
RES 314-A-11	Specialty Exams	Adopted as Amended.	The American Board of Medical Specialties was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 315-A-11	Increasing Funding for Graduate Medical Education	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 316-A-11	Continuing Medical Education for Maintenance of Certification	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 317-A-11	ACGME Allotted Time Off for Health Care Advocacy and Health Policy Activities	Adopted as Amended.	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 318-A-11	Requiring Diversity Competency Training in Medical School and Residency Programs	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 319-A-11	Interstate Licensing of Telehealth Services	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 320-A-11	Suggested Revision in ACCME Guidelines	Adopted as Amended.	The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 321-A-11	Maintenance of Certification	Not Adopted.	

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RES 322-A-11	MOL/MOC Keeping Physicians Certified and Licensed	Adopted as Amended.	The American Board of Medical Specialties, Federation of State Medical Boards and American Osteopathic Association were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 323-A-11	Debilitating Accidents and Accidental Deaths of Physicians in Training	Adopted as Amended.	The Liaison Committee on Medical Education was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 324-A-11	Patient Care and Physicians in the U.S. on Visas	Adopted as Amended with Title Change.	The House action was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. AMA continues to work with key congressional members to introduce legislation to improve the J-1 visa waiver program.
RES 325-A-11	Coordinated Efforts of Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Regarding Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)	Adopted.	The American Board of Medical Specialties, Federation of State Medical Boards and American Osteopathic Association were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 326-A-11	AMA Facilitation of Maintenance of Licensure	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 327-A-11	Public Reporting of Individual Physician Performance Data Collected During Maintenance of Certification (MOC), Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) and Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)	Adopted as Amended.	Council on Medical Education Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)

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RES 328-A-11	Impact of Maintenance of Certification (MOC), Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) and Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) on the Physician Workforce	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 11 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 329-A-11	Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit for Maintenance of Certification/Osteopathic Continuous Certification (MOC/OCC) Activities	Adopted as Amended.	The American Board of Medical Specialties and American Osteopathic Association were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 330-A-11	NRMP All-In Policy	Adopted as Amended.	The National Resident Matching Program was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 331-A-11	Legitimacy of the ABMS	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Education Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 401-A-11	Mental Health Care in Underrepresented Ethnic Population	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 402-A-11	Encouraging Healthy Eating Behaviors in Children Through Corporate Responsibility	Substitute Resolution 402 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 402 & 407 with Change in Title.	Letters were sent to major fast food companies to encourage healthy eating behaviors in children through corporate responsibility. Stories about this resolution have appeared in AMA Wire's Meeting recap (June 27, 2011) and American Medical News (July 4, 2011). A story about the MyPlate initiative also appeared in AMA Wire on June 8, 2011.
RES 403-A-11	Reducing Maternal Mortality Rates	Adopted.	A letter was sent to the CDC on reducing maternal mortality rates.

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RES 404-A-11	American Indian/Alaska Native Adolescent Suicide	Substitute Resolution 404 Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	<p>The Full House Appropriations Committee adopted the FY 2012 Interior Appropriations bill on July 12. The legislation included \$16.39 million for the methamphetamine and suicide prevention and treatment initiative authorized in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The funds shall be allocated at the discretion of the Director of the Indian Health Service.</p> <p>The Senate has not acted on the FY 2012 Appropriations bill. Ultimately, the final FY 2012 Interior Appropriations bill will be negotiated and included within a larger omnibus appropriations bill later in the Fall.</p>
RES 405-A-11	HIV Education in Minority Populations	Adopted.	This information was presented to the Commission to End Health Care Disparities (CEHCD) Steering Committee in August requesting that the Commission focus on this topic. No action has been taken by the CEHCD to date.
RES 406-A-11	Support of Revised Guidelines for Water Fluoridation	Adopted as Amended.	The Environmental Protection Agency has finalized a new risk assessment for fluoride in drinking water, but the Agency has not yet made a decision about revising the drinking water standard and national regulations for fluoride. The Agency is reviewing the new risk assessment of fluoride along with other information (e.g. analytical methods and treatment feasibility, occurrence and exposure, etc.) to determine whether it is appropriate to revise the drinking water standard. In January 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services proposed to recommend that community water systems adjust the amount of fluoride in drinking water to 0.7 mg/L to provide the best of balance of protection from dental caries while limiting the risk of dental fluorosis. The AMA expressed support for the HHS and EPA efforts to revise the fluoridation standards.
RES 407-A-11	Price Parity in Fast Food Children's Meals	Substitute Resolution 402 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 402 & 407.	See Resolution 402-A-11.
RES 408-A-11	Opposition to Exclusivity Agreements Between Junk Food Vendors and Public Schools	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 409-A-11	Nutrition Counseling for Pregnant and Recent Post-Partum Patients	Adopted as Amended.	AMA notified the Federation about the new AMA nutritional counseling policy for pregnant and post-partum patients and its willingness to assist all state and specialty societies in furthering these policies.

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RES 410-A-11	Foreign Emergency Medical Relief Policy and Procedures for Hospitals	Not Adopted.	
RES 411-A-11	Reallocation and Redistribution of USDA Farm Subsidies	Reaffirm Directive D-150.978 in Lieu of Resolution 411.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 412-A-11	Combating Childhood Obesity with Physical Education Requirements	Referred.	A Board of Trustees report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 21 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)
RES 413-A-11	Body Image and Advertising to Youth	Adopted as Amended.	Letters were sent to four advertising associations (Association of National Advertisers, The Advertising Council, American Advertising Federation, and American Association of Advertising Agencies) encouraging them to work with public and private sector organizations concerned with child and adolescent health to develop guidelines for advertisements, especially those appearing in teen-oriented publications, that would discourage the altering of photographs in a manner that could promote unrealistic expectations of appropriate body image. Identified three associations that deal with global advertising issues: American Association of Advertising Agencies, Association of National Advertisers and The Ad Council as these represent or serve as major forums for the agencies and for the advertisers.
RES 414-A-11	Improving Pediatric Mental Health Screening	Adopted as Amended.	Letters were sent to the AAP, AAFP, and AACAP informing them of the new AMA policy and offering AMA collaboration to work with them and other relevant mental health and primary care organizations to disseminate recommended and validated tools for eliciting and addressing pediatric mental health (including substance use, abuse, and addiction) concerns in primary care settings.
RES 415-A-11	Ban on Tanning Devices for Children and Teens	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 416-A-11	AMA Encouragement of Medical Societies to Form Committees to Eliminate Health Care Disparities	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	An email was sent to all Federation Members urging members to form a Standing Committee to Eliminate Healthcare Disparities.

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RES 417-A-11	Support for Imposing Taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Soft Drinks	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee)
RES 418-A-11	Competitive Eating	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 419-A-11	National Child Traumatic Stress Network	Adopted.	Letter was sent from Dr. Madara on the National Child Traumatic Stress Network to child advocacy groups.
RES 420-A-11	Public Health Concerns with Safety of Bottled Water	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)
RES 421-A-11	Domestic Disaster Relief Funding	Adopted.	DC Office staff contacted via email and supplied with pertinent background information on July 27, 2011, to assist them with lobbying efforts.
RES 422-A-11	Childhood Vaccines	Referred for Decision.	Resolution 422-A-11, sponsored by the New Jersey Delegation and referred for decision, asked that our AMA seek legislation which includes all children under the "Vaccine for Children Grant," and that this legislation provide for national stockpiling under the direction of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Conflicting testimony emerged at the Reference Committee on this resolution. While speakers largely supported the resolution's intent, no consensus existed regarding the specific elements of the resolve, including stockpiling at the national level and the magnitude or source of provider reimbursement for the administration of vaccines. The Reference Committee agreed that the singular resolve addressed a rather large issue and would benefit from additional consideration by the Board, and accordingly recommended that Resolution 422 be referred to the Board for decision. The Board VOTED that in lieu of Resolution 422-A-11, AMA policies H-440.928, H-440.875, H-440.882, H-440.896, and D-440.956 be reaffirmed.
RES 423-A-11	Maintaining AMA's Commitments to Public Health and Correctional Health Care	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 424-A-11	Preserving Federal Funding for Critical Services of State Public Health Departments	Policies H-440.912 and H-440.954 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 424.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 501-A-11	Mercury Emissions from Cement Plants	Adopted.	The final rule establishing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants from cement kilns and standards for performance for such plants was published in September 2010 and the official comment period ended. The AMA is seeking guidance from the American Thoracic Society on what, if any, additional actions are needed at this point. Although the EPA rule is in place, legislative efforts may attempt to derail implementation.
RES 502-A-11	Surface Transportation Policy and Air Quality	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 503-A-11	Regulation of Alternative Medications	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 504-A-11	National Drug Shortages	Referred.	Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K) An educational session on the topic will be sponsored by the Council at the 2011 Interim Meeting. HOD Action: Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 924 and 926, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 505-A-11	Measuring Medication Dosages	Adopted as Amended.	AMA is now a formal participant in the CDC's medication safety initiative, a focus of which is appropriate measuring devices, labeling, and instructions for liquid medication use. AMA staff also is involved with the health literacy prescription container labeling subcommittee for the United States Pharmacopeia, and the content for General Chapter 17 in the Pharmacopeia standards. This standard focuses on patient-centered label standards for the format, appearance, content, and language of medication instructions on prescription containers to promote optimal patient understanding.
RES 506-A-11	Drinking/Tap Water Supply	Not Adopted.	

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RES 507-A-11	Banning Synthetic Drugs Referred to as "Bath Salts"	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	On July 28, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed S. 409, the "Combating Dangerous Synthetic Stimulants Act of 2011" sponsored by Senator Schumer (D-NY). This legislation now awaits consideration before the full Senate. Similar legislation, H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act," sponsored by Representative Dent (R-PA) was approved by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 28. The bill awaits consideration by the House Judiciary Committee. These bills, strongly supported by the AMA, would place the chemical substances, mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV), on Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act, effectively banning the manufacture and sale of a synthetic drug marketed as "bath salts."
RES 508-A-11	Supporting Federal Legislation and/or Regulations that Require Clearly Labeling Food with Genetically Engineered Ingredients	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
RES 509-A-11	Supporting Legislation and / or Regulations that Require Clearly Labeling Food with Genetically Engineered Ingredients	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
RES 510-A-11	Food and Drug Administration Approval of Generic Biologics	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 511-A-11	Drug Expiration Date Testing Lengthening and Transparency	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 512-A-11	Encouraging Research Into the Impact of Long-Term Administration of Hormone Replacement Therapy in Transgender Patients	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 513-A-11	Decreasing Epinephrine Auto-Injector Accidents and Misuse	Adopted.	FDA staff within the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research was contacted to obtain the Agency's view on the adequacy of current product design and labeling, and device recall authorities were clarified. CSAPH will consider developing a "Health Tip" page to facilitate physician communication with patients on the safe and effective use of these devices.
RES 514-A-11	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention	Adopted as Amended.	At this point, no legislation has been introduced in the 112th Congress that provides for resources, coordination or education consistent with this resolution.
RES 515-A-11	Fingerstick and Single-Use Point-of-Care Blood Testing Devices Should Not Be Used For More Than One Person	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 516-A-11	X-Ray-Based Full-Body Scanners	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 517-A-11	The Safe Disposal of Unused and Expired Medication	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 518-A-11	Potential Health Risks of Whole Body Backscatter X-Ray Airport Security Scanners	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 519-A-11	Consumer-Friendly Medication Identification	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	A letter sent to PhRMA seeking a collaborative discussion on the topic.
RES 520-A-11	Reviewing the Effectiveness of Current Drug Policies	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 521-A-11	Enhancing Patient Awareness of Research Participation	Adopted.	A letter was sent to NIH Director suggesting collation of available resources on patient participation in clinical trials and an offer for the AMA to assist in increasing awareness.

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RES 522-A-11	Prevalence of Nickel Sensitization in the USA	Adopted as Amended.	A letter was sent to Commissioner of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission voicing the AMA's concern about the problem of nickel allergy and urging action be taken to reduce nickel exposure by implementing steps to regulate levels in consumer products to better protect the health of the public.
RES 523-A-11	National Institute on Drug Abuse - Cannabis Research	Reaffirms Policy H-95-952 in Lieu of Resolution 523.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 524-A-11	Treatment of Opioid Dependence	Adopted and Policy H-120.946 be Recinded.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 601-A-11	Invitations to Membership in Organized Medicine	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 603-A-11	AMA Policy Compendium	Referred.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in CCB Report 3 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 604-A-11	AMA Support for National Bike to Work Day	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 605-A-11	Medical Student Regional Delegate Allocation and Apportionment	Adopted.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in CCB Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 606-A-11	Apportionment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates in the AMA House of Delegates	Not Adopted.	
RES 607-A-11	Electronic Application for Medical Student Membership	Referred	Board of Trustees Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Substitute Recommendation in BOT Report 6 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.

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RES 608-A-11	Association Services and Physician Organization	Adopted.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
RES 609-A-11	AMA Growth and Mentorship	Adopted as Amended.	Implemented. Email sent to State and Specialty Societies on 8/25/2011 about the resolution.
RES 610-A-11	AMA Organization and Governance	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 12 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 12 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 611-A-11	Core Values	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 4 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 612-A-11	AMA Mission and Vision	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 5 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 701-A-11	Prior Authorization	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 702-A-11	Addressing the Expected Increase in Long-Term Care Residents with Criminal / Correctional Histories	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2015 Annual Meeting.
RES 703-A-11	Beers or Similar Criteria and Third Party Payer Compliance Activities	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 704-A-11	Online Physician Rating Resolution	Not Adopted.	
RES 705-A-11	E-Visit Criteria	Policy H-385.919 and H-390.859 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 705.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 706-A-11	Abuse of Preauthorization Procedures	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 707-A-11	Surveying Violence in the Non-Hospital Work Environment	Adopted.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 708-A-11	Opposition to Incentives for Care in Non-Physician Clinics	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA sent letters to AHIP and BCBSA urging them to ask their members to refrain from incentivizing their member patients to visit non-physician clinics which could ultimately result in lower quality and increased costs of care.
RES 709-A-11	Investigating Cost-Saving, Equitable Care in Direct Practice Medicine	Not Adopted.	
RES 710-A-11	Need for AMA Policy and Possible Model Legislation Regarding Data Ownership and Access to Clinical Data by Payers in Health Information Exchanges	Adopted as Amended.	Implemented. Conducted a survey on HIEs. Utilizing the survey results and monitoring the current trends and experiences related to HIEs in order to determine the necessary policy. Working with PMC in developing model legislation. A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Annual Meeting.
RES 711-A-11	Hospital Electronic Medical Records and Computerized Physician Order Entry Problem	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 17 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 712-A-11	Universal Hospital Emergency Paging Codes	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 713-A-11	Study of Medicaid Patient-Centered Medical Home Models	Substitute Resolution 713 Adopted with Change in Title.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 714-A-11	EHR Implementation and the Increasing Use of Cloned Notes	Not Adopted.	

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RES 715-A-11	Patient Problem List	Not Adopted.	
RES 716-A-11	Reimbursement for Office-Based Surgery Facility Fees	Substitute Resolution 716 Adopted.	AMA sent letters to AHIP and BCBSA urging them to ask their members to include covered facility fee payments to physicians who perform procedures under more than local anesthesia in an accredited office-based surgical facility.
RES 717-A-11	Medicare Hospital Stay; Long Term Care/Rehabilitation	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 718-A-11	Monitoring of CMS Physician Compare Website	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 719-A-11	Simplification and Reimbursement of Prior Authorization Process and Required Formulary Paperwork in Mississippi and the United States	Policies H-385.952[2], H-385.948 and H-385.967 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 719 & 721.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 720-A-11	Standardized National Color-Coded Wristbands	Adopted.	AMA is exploring mechanisms/opportunities by which national color-coded wristbands can be standardized across institutional settings.
RES 721-A-11	Reimbursement for Preauthorization Work	Policies H-385.952[2], H-385.948 and H-385.967 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 719 & 721.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 722-A-11	Improving Coordination of Care for Patients Entering and Leaving the Hospital	Adopted as Amended.	iPhone application for medication reconciliation that enables timely transmission of data during care transitions was developed and care transitions template for electronic data submission is in development.
RES 723-A-11	Physician Leadership of the Patient-Centered Medical Home	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA sent a letter to The Joint Commission offering its assist to work with The Joint Commission to examine the structures in its accredited medical homes to determine whether there are differences in patient satisfaction between physician-led (MD/DO) and non-physician-led medical homes.

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RES 724-A-11	The Physician's Right to Exercise Independent Judgment in All Organized Medical Staff Affairs	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2011 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.

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BOT Report 02-I-11	The Physician's Right to Exercise Independent Judgment in All Organized Medical Staff Affairs (Resolution 724-A-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AMA Annotated Model Physician-Hospital Employment Agreement and the AMA Physician's Guide to Medical Staff Organization Bylaws have been updated to reflect new AMA policy on this subject.
BOT Report 04-I-11	Core Values (Resolution 611-A-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 4 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 05-I-11	AMA Mission and Vision (Resolution 612-A-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 5 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AMA Board of Trustees regularly seeks and considers input from the House, CLRPD, and broad physician community when making resource allocation decisions. Examples include analysis of AMA policy; consideration of CLRPD's synthesis of input gathered from AMA councils, sections and special groups; and focused interaction with members of the House and other stakeholders as the strategic direction has been refreshed. Such input expands the information base upon which the Board fulfills its fiduciary responsibilities with respect to allocating resources appropriately and consistent with the AMA's vision, goals and priorities. Throughout the year, the Board of Trustees and Management discuss activity and results related to commitments established in the planning process. Physician members are also regularly apprised of activities, achievements, and opportunity for physician involvement through the Federation, Physician Action Network, AMA publications (paper, email, and web-based), and other channels as appropriate. Examples of high-reach channels include AMA Wire, the biweekly Advocacy Update, Morning Rounds, and grassroots networks of both physicians and patients.
BOT Report 06-I-11	Electronic Application for Medical Student Membership (Resolution 607-A-11)	Substitute Recommendation in BOT Report 6 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Survey conducted to identify societies that offer online membership applications. Appropriate language covering online applications was incorporated into the 2013 MSSOP Agreement. Messaging will be incorporated into the AMA online application for the 2013 membership year.
BOT Report 07-I-11	Issuing of a Postage Stamp to Commemorate Joseph Goldberger, MD (Resolution 006-A-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 07-I-11 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	No further action required.
BOT Report 08-I-11	Patients' Responsibilities for Health Care Outcomes	Recommendations in BOT Report 8 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Board of Trustees report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.

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BOT Report 09-I-11	Support for Physician-Led, Team-Based Care (Resolution 225-I-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 9-I-11 Adopted as Amended, with Recommendation 7 Referred for Decision, and the Remainder of the Report Filed.	<p>Recommendations 2-4 AMA continues to identify and review available data in the PPACA opt-out states to determine whether there has been any increased access to care in those states and analyze how the types and complexities of care provided by all non-physician providers, including CRNAs, compare to the types and complexities of care provided by physicians and/or the anesthesia care team. AMA advocated to policymakers, insurers and other groups, as appropriate, that they should consider the available data to best determine how non-physicians can serve as a complement to address the nation's primary care workforce needs.</p> <p>Recommendation 8 AMA sent a letter to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) asking them to publicly announce that the report entitled, "Common Ground: An Agreement between Nurse and Physician Leaders on Interprofessional Collaboration for the Future of Patient Care" was premature; was not released officially; was not signed; and was not adopted by the participants.</p> <p>Recommendation 7 of Board of Trustees Report 9-I-11 asked the AMA to communicate to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and others, opposition to the RWJF Report on the Future of Patient Care. A final version of this report has not yet been released. The Board considered a report on this issue and VOTED to defer any action until a final draft of the RWJF report is released. As the RWJF Interprofessional Collaboration for the Future of Patient Care has disbanded without final work product, AMA BOT anticipates that no further action is necessary. (See also Board of Trustees Report 10-I-11).</p>
BOT Report 10-I-11	Physician Supervision of Invasive Procedures and the Provision of Fluoroscopy (BOT Report 07-I-10 and Resolutions 216, 217-A-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 10-I-11 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 11-I-11	Promoting Internet-Based Electronic Health Records and Personal Health Records (Resolution 809-I-10)	Recommendations in BOT Report 11-I-11 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AMA continues to advocate that CMS provide a reasonable pace for physician utilization of health IT in order to alleviate the burden on physicians to comply with current regulations. The basis for this advocacy is to ensure that barriers toward adoption are addressed and alleviated. In lieu of mandating the use of PHRs or integration between PHRs and EHRs, the process toward health IT should be strategic, permitting physicians who choose to utilize PHRs the ability to do so, without requiring such action. We recently submitted comments in response to the proposed rule on Stage 2 which reflect our desire for a reasonable implementation pace and sufficient flexibility and continue to meet with HHS to advocate for these things.

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BOT Report 12-I-11	Status Report on the Alternative Membership Models Project and AMA Organization and Governance (Resolution 610-A-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 12 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Board of Trustees Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Informational)
BOT Report 13-I-11	Peer Review Confidentiality Protections (Resolution 4-I-10)	Recommendation in BOT Report 13 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 14-I-11	2012 Strategic Plan	Revised BOT Report 14 Filed.	
BOT Report 15-I-11	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates - Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 15 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Societies continue to be seated in the House of Delegates.
CCB Report 01-I-11	Medical Student Regional Delegate Allocation and Apportionment	Recommendations in CCB Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB Report 02-I-11	Creation of an AMA Minority Affairs Section	Recommendations in CCB Report 2 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CCB Report 03-I-11	AMA Policy Development, Reconciliation, Consolidation, Revision, Implementation and Sunset (Resolutions 4-A-11 and 603-A-11)	Recommendations in CCB Report 3 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Joint Report of the Council on Constitution and Bylaws and Council on Long Range Planning and Development Report 1 and 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee F)
CEJA Opinion 01-I-11	Financial Relationships with Industry in Continuing Medical Education	Filed.	No further action required.
CEJA Report 01-I-11	Physician Stewardship of Health Care Resources	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CLRPD Report 01-I-11	Proposal for an Integrated Physician Practice Section	Recommendations in CLRPD Report 1 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CME Report 01-I-11	Medical Student and Resident Involvement in Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Planning and Response (Resolution 311-A-10)	Recommendations in CME Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Association of American Medical Colleges, American Board of Medical Specialties, Council of Medical Specialty Societies and Federation of State Medical Boards were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.

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CME Report 02-I-11	Medical Student Access to Electronic Health Records	Recommendations in CME Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Association of American Medical Colleges, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Association of Academic Health Centers were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
CMS Report 01-I-11	Practice Expense Data and the Medicare Economic Index (Resolutions 207-I-10, 211-I-10 and 106-A-11)	Recommendations in CMS Report 1-I-11 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Rec 4 – AMA policy was conveyed to the Technical Advisory Committee on the MEI. Rec 5 – The 2012 AMA publication Medicare RBRVS: The Physicians’ Guide and the February 2012 CPT Assistant provided an annual update on MEI and GPCI changes. Annual changes will continue to be articulated in these products, and circulated to the Federation as well.
CMS Report 03-I-11	Designation of the Intellectually Disabled as a Medically Underserved Population (Resolution 805-I-10)	Recommendations in CMS Report 3 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 04-I-11	Medicare Financing Reform	Recommendations in CMS Report 4 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed with Change in Title.	Council on Medical Service Report 2 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
CMS Report 05-I-11	Medicaid Waivers and Maintenance of Effort Requirements	Recommendations in CMS Report 5 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed with Change in Title.	Council on Medical Service Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee A)
CMS Report 06-I-11	Health Insurance Exchanges	Recommendations in CMS Report 06-I-11 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 07-I-11	Patient Navigator Programs (Resolution 118-A-11)	Recommendations in CMS Report 7 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	The American College of Surgeons was provided with AMA policy on patient navigators and encourage to prioritize and facilitate the delivery of patient-centered care in its Cancer Program Accreditation Standards.

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CMS Report 08-I-11	Administrative Simplification in the Physician Practice	Recommendations in CMS Report 8-I-11 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>The AMA convened a stakeholder engagement meeting with practice management system vendors to discuss ways to simplify administrative processes, increase functionality and reduce waste. The AMA and MGMA subsequently presented “ACA Compliance Issues Impacting Practice Management Vendors” webinar through the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) with 130 conference call lines. The AMA is exploring holding two additional 2012 vendor engagement meetings in collaboration with MGMA and WEDI. In addition, the AMA-RIMS “Heal The Claims” campaign and the California Workers’ Compensation Physician eBilling engagement campaign, have raised the demand and need for increased vendor functionality and are the forerunning events leading to future state-based vendor engagement efforts.</p> <p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>The AMA identified one automated workflow for all types of authorizations, including medical, pharmaceutical, laboratory and durable medical equipment services and has created a white paper outlining the recommended approach. The AMA’s proposed PA workflow is an automated, end-to-end solution that is vendor agnostic and utilizes the 5010 version of the ASC X12 278 transaction for PA. A proof of concept is currently being performed to confirm the feasibility of the workflow and readiness of the market.</p>
CSAPH Report 01-I-11	An Abbreviated Approval Pathway for Biosimilars	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 1 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>AMA communicated with State Medical Associations regarding necessary changes in pharmacy practice acts to address biosimilars and the substitution of biosimilar products when they become available. The AMA continues to have discussions with other stakeholders including medical specialty societies, patient groups, and industry on emerging issues related to biosimilar development.</p>

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CSAPH Report 02-I-11	National Drug Shortages (Resolution 504-A-11)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 924 and 926, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>Council on Science and Public Health Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)</p> <p>National Drug Shortages # 2, 3 and 4 The AMA has written to Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Rep. Tom Rooney (R-FL) as well as Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) expressing support for the "Preserving Access to Life-Saving Medications Act," H.R. 2245 and S. 296, respectively.</p> <p>The AMA has also worked with a number of physician, patient, and pharmacy groups to encourage Congress to address this issue. This includes providing extensive comments on draft legislation produced by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee as well as efforts to encourage inclusion of this issue in pending reauthorization of user fee act legislation.</p> <p>The AMA has met with the DFA where we expressed appreciation for the President's Executive Order on Drug shortages. We have also had multiple meetings with members of Congress on this topic and sent a number of letters to the Hill.</p>
HOD Comp Cmte I-11	Report of the House of Delegates Committee on Compensation of the Officers	Recommendations in HOD Compensation Committee Report Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	
RES 001-I-11	Equal Access to Organ Transplantation for Medicaid Beneficiaries	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 27 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 002-I-11	Amend Federal Law to Allow Clinical Research on the Safety and Effectiveness of HIV-Infected-to-HIV-Infected Organ Transplantation	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA is currently looking in to the best opportunity to respond to this item prior to A-12
RES 005-I-11	Encouraging Standardized Advance-Directives Forms Within States	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA encouraged each state medical society to develop a standardized form of advance directives for use by physicians and other health care providers as a template to discuss end-of-life care with their patients.
RES 006-I-11	Removing Financial Barriers to Living Organ Donation	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 15 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)

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RES 007-I-11	Truth and Transparency in Pregnancy Counseling Centers	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	The AMA communicated with all state and specialty medical societies its willingness to advocate at the state level, that any entity providing medical or health services to pregnant women and markets medical or any clinical services be required to abide by licensing requirements and federal health information privacy laws and have the appropriate, qualified licensed personnel.
RES 201-I-11	Negotiation for Best Prices	Policies D-330.954, D-330.922, H-100.964, H-110.997, and H-155.962 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 201.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 202-I-11	A "Level Playing Field" in Negotiations Between Health Insurance Companies and Physicians	Adopted as Amended.	Enterprise Communications and Marketing will provide assistance to the Advocacy Group as needed. The AMA continues to advocate for Congressional action to level the playing field for negotiations between health insurers and physicians. AMA has supported HR. 1409, the Quality Health Care Coalition Act of 2011 and has separately urged the House Committee on the Judiciary to hold hearings on the bill. On Friday, May 18, 2012, the Committee held a hearing on health care competition and consolidation after PPACA, but declined to specifically promote H.R. 1409. Updates on the legislation, as well as letters and cosponsors, are on the AMA Advocacy Website.
RES 203-I-11	A Grassroots Campaign to Earn the Support of the American People for the Medicare Patient Empowerment Act	Substitute Resolution 203 Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	The AMA has undertaken an extensive grassroots campaign to promote the Medicare Patient Empowerment Act, including the production of videos, co-branded material for distribution to patients, and the development of a national petition and website. These materials have been promoted heavily to the federation and through the AMA grassroots website with limited support.
RES 204-I-11	Limiting Malpractice Hedge Funds	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 205-I-11	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and H.R. 5, HEALTH Act of 2011	Policies H-435.978, D-165.980, and H-435.972 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 205.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 206-I-11	CMS Audits of Electronic Health Records	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA has advocated to CMS and ONC about the need to establish EHR certification criteria that address EHR usability issues such as cloning and macros. The AMA submitted comments on these issues in our comment letter in response to the Stages 1-2 proposed rule of certification for EHRs for the meaningful use program. The AMA also submitted testimony on this topic to the Health IT Policy Committee and has been invited to speak and meet with ONC and their contractors reviewing these issues. The AMA has also met with the National Institute for Standards and Technology and raised these issues with CMS. The AMA has and will continue to raise the need for more information on audits related to EHRs and the impact of the meaningful use program and the lack of certification criteria on EHR usability on physician audits.
RES 207-I-11	Signatures for Diagnostic Laboratory Test Requisitions Creates Inefficiency, Increased Costs and Patient Safety Risks	Not Adopted.	
RES 208-I-11	Requiring Placement of Automated External Defibrillators in All Nursing Homes	Policy H-440.890 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 208.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 209-I-11	Addressing Safety and Regulation in Medical Spas	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA evaluated evolving issues related to medical spas in conjunction with interested state and medical specialty societies and advocated for state regulation to ensure that cosmetic medical procedures, whether performed in medical spas or in more traditional medical settings, have the same safeguards as “medically necessary” procedures, including those which require appropriate training, supervision, and oversight. AMA also advocated that cosmetic medical procedures, such as botulinum toxin injections, dermal filler injections, and laser and intense pulsed light procedures, be considered the practice of medicine.
RES 210-I-11	Averting Antiretroviral Treatment Rationing in the United States - Strengthening the AIDS Drug Assistance Program	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 211-I-11	State Funding of Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Programs	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 212-I-11	Maintain CMS Inpatient Rehabilitation Classification Criteria at 60%	Adopted.	The AMA has communicated our opposition to this proposal from the President's Deficit Reduction plan and the President's FY2013 Budget to the appropriate staff at CMS.

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RES 213-I-11	Opposition to Equalization of Payment Rates for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Skilled-Nursing Facilities	Adopted.	The AMA has communicated our opposition to this proposal from the President's Deficit Reduction plan and the President's FY2013 to the appropriate staff at CMS.
RES 214-I-11	Support Progress of Science by Addressing Travel Visa Problems	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA sent a letter to the Department of State regarding the negative impact current visa policies are having medical and scientific progress.
RES 215-I-11	Creating a Fair and Balanced Medicare and Medicaid RAC Program	Adopted.	The AMA is spending a great deal of time trying to make sure the Medicare and Medicaid RAC programs are fair for physicians. We have submitted several extensive letters to CMS outlining our concerns. We convene regular conference calls with CMS staff on both Medicaid and Medicare RAC programs. We hosted meetings for the specialty societies with CMS on these issues. We also developed and provided materials to the states to help with Medicaid RAC audits.
RES 216-I-11	Stop the Implementation of ICD-10	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 216 and 224.	The AMA has submitted letters to the Hill and Administration arguing against implementation of ICD-10. As a result of AMA advocacy CMS announced at the AMA's National Advocacy Conference that they would be delaying implementation of the rule. This spring CMS published a proposed rule calling for a one year delay. The AMA submitted comments in response to this rule arguing for removing the ICD-10 requirement and at the very least imposing a 2 year delay to adequately study the burden on physicians and examining an alternative payment system.
RES 217-I-11	Possible HIPAA Violations by Law Firms	Adopted as Amended.	The Office for Civil Rights is expected to release a rule making significant changes to the HIPAA privacy rules very shortly. When that occurs we will make comments as appropriate to address these concerns.
RES 218-I-11	The Impact of National Physician Payment Reductions on the National Unemployment Rate	Adopted as Amended.	Most recently the AMA survey has focused on the reaction of seniors and the public. MGMA did do a survey this past fall which further discussed the impact on physician offices and its employees. AMA used the MGMA information in our advocacy efforts. We will consider this issue as we undertake additional surveys this year.
RES 219-I-11	Censorship of Physician Discussion of Firearm Risk	Adopted.	The AMA continues to monitor, and stands ready to oppose, any actions or legislation that could have an adverse effect on the patient/physician relationship or communications between these parties regarding the delivery of care. The AMA has also alerted the state medical societies of this activity and stands ready to support litigation against laws that could potentially prove disruptive to this relationship or the parties' communications.

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RES 220-I-11	Generic vs. Brand Medications	Adopted.	These are not generic drugs but rather older drugs which FDA approved only on the basis of safety. FDA became concerned about some safety issues. FDA has committed to focusing on those drugs which are the greatest threat to public health without imposing undue burdens on consumers. FDA has committed to providing manufacturers adequate time to submit applications to bring their drugs into compliance. The AMA has communicated with the FDA about these issues.
RES 221-I-11	Federal Liability Protection for EMTALA Mandated Care	Adopted as Amended.	At this time, no evaluation of the potential benefit to physicians of FTCA coverage of EMTALA mandated Care has been conducted.
RES 222-I-11	Opposing Legal Prohibition of Circumcision	Adopted with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 223-I-11	National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act (H.R. 2960)	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA has sent a letter of support for the National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act to the bill sponsor.
RES 224-I-11	Coding and Billing Standards	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 216 and 224.	See Resolution 216.
RES 601-I-11	Employed Physicians and the AMA	Substitute Resolution 601 Adopted as Amended.	<p>The AMA has established a new service through which the Department of Organized Medical Staff Services, the Office of the General Counsel, and others provide assistance, but not legal opinions or representation, to individual physicians in matters pertaining to their employment and contractual relationships with hospitals, health systems, and other similar entities. (www.ama-assn.org/go/assistance)</p> <p>The AMA has also established a new Physician Employment webpage to highlight AMA resources for physicians who are employed or considering employment. (www.ama-assn.org/go/employment)</p> <p>Finally, the Organized Medical Staff Section will convene an "Employed Physician Discussion Group" at the 2012 Annual Meeting to address issues of interest to physicians who are employed or considering employment.</p>
RES 602-I-11	Ensuring CPT Usage of Term "Physician" is Consistent with AMA Policy	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 801-I-11	Physician Independence and Self-Governance	Substitute Resolution 801 Adopted.	<p>The Organized Medical Staff Section has developed Principles for Physician Employment, which are anticipated to be transmitted to the House of Delegates in the form of an OMSS resolution for consideration at the 2012 Annual Meeting.</p> <p>The AMA Physician's Guide to Medical Staff Organization Bylaws has recently been updated to address various issues related to physician employment; future editions will continue to address issues related to physician employment as they are identified.</p> <p>The AMA continues to promote physician collaboration, teamwork, and partnership in emerging health care organizational structures through a variety of initiatives. For example, at the 2012 Annual Meeting, the Organized Medical Staff Section will host an educational program, "Essential Physician Leadership Attributes for Improving Health Outcomes," that will feature a panel of experts, including representatives of the American College of Physician Executives, the American Hospital Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the OMSS, who will share their perspectives on physician leadership.</p>
RES 802-I-11	Higher Co-Pays/Co-Insurance for Infusions	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 803-I-11	Timely and Appropriate Payments for New CPT Codes	Substitute Resolution 803 Adopted.	The AMA continues to provide payers with the files that contain the updated list of CPT codes in the form of two releases in July and August in an ongoing effort to give payers ample time to incorporate these new codes into their systems in preparation for new reimbursement policies that start on January 1 of the next year. Additionally, the AMA pushed out messaging and a template letter urging payer compliance with the HIPAA transaction and code set rule that informs payers that the rejection of a valid CPT code or acceptance of a deleted CPT code after January 1 is a violation of HIPAA.
RES 804-I-11	Payment for Preventive Services	Substitute Resolution 804 Adopted.	The AMA has weighed in on this topic on multiple occasions with the administration. We will continue to press the point in our comments on the proposed Physician Fee Schedule Rule for 2013.
RES 805-I-11	Payment for Time Spent Electronic Charting	Not Adopted.	
RES 806-I-11	Professional Services vs. Evaluation and Management Services CPT Codes	Not Adopted.	

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RES 807-I-11	Appropriate Payments for Vaccine Price Increases	Substitute Resolution 807 Adopted.	A letter was sent to AHIP and BCBSA asking them to encourage their members to offer physicians adequate reimbursement for vaccines, taking into account the ancillary, administration costs of the drugs. The Federation was also encouraged to educate physicians of the importance of including provisions in their health insurer contracts to provide for regular updating of vaccine prices and payment levels, including real-time adjustments in vaccine pricing. A physician educational resource is in development. Finally, the AMA developed draft contract language requiring health insurers to regularly update physician payments for vaccines.
RES 808-I-11	Inpatient Versus Outpatient Hospital Medical Care	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA discussed our significant concerns with Medicare's observation care policy with the American Hospital Association as well as several key patient groups. The AMA and the patient groups jointly submitted a letter to CMS. In addition, the AMA submitted our own letter on the issue where we encouraged CMS to put together a task force to examine the topic and hold town hall meetings with stakeholders such as physicians, hospitals, and patient groups.
RES 809-I-11	Managed Care Panels	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA communicated its willingness to work with with all state and specialty medical societies to seek legislation that would prohibit Medicare managed care companies from terminating without cause an enrollee's contracted physician before the enrollee's first subsequent open enrollment period.
RES 810-I-11	Empowering State Choice	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 811-I-11	Dietary Referrals for Celiac Disease	Policy H-165.856 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 811.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 812-I-11	Medical Record and Reporting Standards	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 813-I-11	Face-to-Face Encounter Rule	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 815-I-11	Virtual Medical ID Bracelets	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 816-I-11	Biometric Technologies Used to Enhance Security and Patient Safety	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 817-I-11	Medicare Regional Spending Budgets	Policy H-165.838 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 817.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 818-I-11	Reduction of Burdensome Medicare Paperwork	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 819-I-11	Long-Term Care Prescribing of Atypical Antipsychotic Medications	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 820-I-11	Third Party Payer Coverage Process Reform and Advocacy	Adopted.	AMA communicated its willingness to work with all states and medical specialty societies seeking implementation of laws that require third party payers to utilize transparent and accountable processes for coverage decisions. AMA is in the process of reviewing its existing model state legislation in it's insurer transparency campaign to assess if additional language needs to be crafted to implement the totality of this resolution. If necessary, new model legislation will be developed by I-12.
RES 821-I-11	Secondary Insurance Payments for Services Rendered	Adopted as Amended.	A letter was sent to AHIP and BCBSA asking them to encourage their members to adopt policies that, when they are secondary payers, they pay physicians the remainder of the primary insurer's allowed amount, regardless of their own allowed amount. The AMA also communicated its willingness to work with all state and specialty medical societies to enact state legislation and/or regulation, requiring secondary insurers to pay physicians the remainder of the primary insurer's allowed amount, regardless of their own allowed amount.
RES 822-I-11	Prior Authorization and Medical Exception Process	Policies H-320.944, H-385.951, D-125.992 and H-285.965 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 822.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 823-I-11	Electronic Health Record "Lemon Law"	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G)
RES 824-I-11	Reimbursement for Phone Consultations	Policy H-390.889 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 824.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 825-I-11	48-Hour Signature Rule	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA was successful following years of advocacy against the 48 hour rule for verbal orders to get CMS, in a proposed rule published in late 2011, to recommend removing this requirement and replacing it with a policy that calls for verbal orders to be dated, timed, and authenticated promptly. Recently CMS finalized requirements around this which remove the requirements that verbal orders be authenticated within 48 hours, something we have long advocated.

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RES 826-I-11	AMA Assistance for Members in Matters Pertaining to Physician-Hospital/Health System Relationships	Adopted.	The AMA has established a new service through which the Department of Organized Medical Staff Services, the Office of the General Counsel, and others provide assistance, but not legal opinions or representation, to individual physicians in matters pertaining to their employment and contractual relationships with hospitals, health systems, and other similar entities. This service has been advertised in a number of AMA publications, including communications to the Federation. (www.ama-assn.org/go/assistance)
RES 827-I-11	Opposition to Proposed Revision of CMS Conditions of Participation that Limit the Autonomy, Self-Governance and Quality Oversight of the Organized Medical Staff	Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 831.	The AMA was extremely aggressive in our advocacy on this topic. We sent an extensive sign-on letter to the administration. We also communicated our concerns at very senior levels to the administration. As a result of the AMA's advocacy, we secured significant changes in the final CoP regulation. We have already weighed in with the administration to let them know that we want to be involved as they develop the interpretative guidelines.
RES 828-I-11	Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey	Referred for Decision.	Resolution 828, introduced by Organized Medical Staff Section, asked that our AMA object to the use of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey scores to partially calculate a hospital's reimbursement; urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to encourage hospitals to use HCAHPS survey scores as an indicator of a patient's experience of care and not as an indicator of clinical quality during an episode of care, and to revise the HCAHPS survey to remove scales that include terms such as "always occurs" and "never occurs;" and to inform the appropriate federal agencies of the AMA's opposition to the use of HCAHPS scores for reimbursement purposes or as an indicator of clinical quality of care, and begin an immediate dialogue with CMS and other relevant agencies to reverse the use of HCAHPS scores as a method for partial reimbursement purposes. was referred for decision. The Board VOTED that in lieu of Resolution 828, the American Medical Association not engage in advocacy efforts or allocate valuable advocacy resources opposing the use of HCAHPS scores for hospital reimbursement purposes. It is important to recognize that the HCAHPS survey is specifically designed to provide a standardized instrument for collecting information on patient experience with hospital care and is not intended to be a source of data on quality indicators. Changing the HCAHPS scales, as is called for in the resolution, would distort the interpretation of the HCAHPS data over time.

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RES 829-I-11	Unlocking Knowledge	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 829, introduced by the Organized Medical Staff Section, asked that the AMA Commissioners to The Joint Commission advocate for the exploration of mechanisms that would facilitate wider availability and easy accessibility to non-customer health care organizations of The Joint Commission resources that hold the potential to substantially improve patient safety and quality of care, including but not limited to the Leading Practice Library and the Targeted Solutions Tool.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that to carry out the intent of Resolution 829: (1) our American Medical Association educate physicians about the patient safety and quality resources that are available in Joint Commission accredited hospitals, as well as in hospitals accredited by other organizations, including how to access the information that is available in the accredited organizations in which they practice; (2) our AMA Commissioners to The Joint Commission will advocate that The Joint Commission increase physician representation and involvement in its Center for Transforming Healthcare to ensure that physicians have an active role in shaping quality and patient safety tools, e.g., the Targeted Solutions Tool (TST).™; and (3) our AMA not seek to have The Joint Commission share priority documents that have been submitted by Joint Commission customers to its Leading Practices Library or to have the documents opened to the public and/or to organizations that are not accredited by The Joint Commission.</p>
RES 830-I-11	Single Signature Contracts and the "Opt-Out Clause"	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 831-I-11	Opposition to Proposed Revision of CMS Conditions of Participation that Limit the Autonomy, Self-Governance and Quality Oversight of the Organized Medical Staff	Resolution 827 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 831.	See Resolution 827.
RES 832-I-11	Local Peer-Review and Physician Sponsorship Requirements from Medicare QIO Work	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA has been in contact with several supportive members of Congress on this matter and is exploring legislative opportunities to repeal these recently enacted provisions
RES 903-I-11	Extension of Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 904-I-11	National Database for J-1 Visa Waiver Program	Adopted.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 905-I-11	Discrimination of IMG Applicants in ACGME Residency Selection	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 906-I-11	Improvement in Sources of Drinking Water	Policy H-135.947 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 906.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 907-I-11	Addressing Substance Use and Misuse in the United States	Substitute Resolution 907 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 907 and 933.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 908-I-11	Bath Salt Ban	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 909-I-11	Hazards of Energy Beverages - Their Abuse and Regulation	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA submitted a letter expressing our concerns to the FDA.
RES 910-I-11	Making GME Financing and Reform a Priority for AMA	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The Association of American Medical Colleges, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update. Staff in the AMA Medical Education Group worked with DC Office staff on strategy.</p> <p>The AMA continues to support legislation introduced by Sen. Bill Nelson to expand the number of federally funded GME positions and to protect GME funding where possible.</p>
RES 911-I-11	Elimination of the Secured Examination Requirement for Maintenance of Certification	Referred.	Council on Medical Education Report 10 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 913-I-11	Creation of National Registry for Healthy Subjects in Phase I Clinical Trials	Adopted.	Inquiry directed to staff within FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research seeking clarification on the current safeguards for preventing "professional" subjects from participating in multiple Phase I clinical trials, as well as information on the current status of regional Phase I registries.
RES 914-I-11	Increasing Awareness of Nutrition Information in Schools	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Interim Meeting.
RES 918-I-11	Transparency in the National Resident Matching Program Match Agreement	Resolved 2 - Referred. Resolved 1 - Adopted as Amended.	Council on Medical Education Report 12 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C)
RES 919-I-11	Physician and Medical Student Burnout	Adopted as Amended.	The Association of American Medical Colleges, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.

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RES 920-I-11	The Transition from the National Resident Matching Program Scramble to the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program	Adopted as Amended.	The National Resident Matching Program was notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 921-I-11	Reducing Radiation Exposure in the Medical Setting	Substitute Resolution 921 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 921 and 923.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 923-I-11	Increasing Awareness of Ionizing Radiation Exposure from Medical Imaging	Substitute Resolution 921 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 921 and 923.	See Resolution 921.
RES 924-I-11	Vital Drug Shortage	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 924 and 926, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 2.
RES 925-I-11	Physicians in Recovery Programs Applying for Board Certification or Recertification	Adopted as Amended and Policy H-275.949 Amended.	The American Board of Medical Specialties and the Federation of State Medical Boards were notified of the House action. The House action also was transmitted to each medical school, residency program director, directors of medical education at U.S. teaching hospitals and other interested groups via the MedEd Update.
RES 926-I-11	Prescription Drug Shortages: A National Emergency	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 924 and 926, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Science and Public Health Report 7 appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E)
RES 927-I-11	Reproductive Health Outcomes and Development in EPA Environmental Justice Policy	Adopted.	The AMA will be submitting a letter to Congress in support of ongoing initiatives relating to EPA Environmental Justice Policy on Reproductive Health Outcomes and Development especially relating to minority health populations.
RES 928-I-11	AMA's Statement of Support for the Clean Air Act	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 929-I-11	Protective NAAQS Standard for Ozone	Adopted.	The AMA has communicated our concerns to the administration. AMA is consulting with other stakeholder groups to determine the best timing for additional advocacy in this fluid situation.
RES 933-I-11	Medical vs. Legal Solutions to Drug Abuse	Substitute Resolution 907 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 907 and 933.	See Resolution 907.
RES 935-I-11	Preventive Health and Health Services Grant Funding	Adopted.	A letter will be sent to Senate appropriators prior to A-12.

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RES 936-I-11	Statistical Significance of FDA Safety Data	Not Adopted.	
RES 938-I-11	Improving the Response of Hospital Medical Staff Members to Public Health Emergencies and Mass Casualty Incidents	Policy D-130.974 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 938.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 939-I-11	AMA Partnership with Million Hearts	Adopted as Amended.	Board of Trustees Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2012 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee D)