

Memo to: Delegates and Alternate Delegates
State Medical Associations
State Presidents and Presidents-Elect
National Medical Specialty Societies

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Subject: Implementation Status of Resolutions and Report Recommendations (A-13)
and Follow-Up Implementation Chart (I-12)

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 2013 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 I-13." 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 Interim Meeting - November 10-13, 2012

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
BOT Report 01-I-12	Specialty Society Representation Requirements	Recommendations in BOT Report 1 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>Recommendation 3 - Our AMA notified the Federation about new AMA policy to monitor state legislative efforts on increased criminal penalties for assaults against health care providers and its willingness to assist all state and specialty societies, at the state level, when issues related to workplace violence in and outside of the emergency department arise.</p> <p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p>
BOT Report 02-I-12	Surveying Violence in the Non-Hospital Work Environment	Recommendations in BOT Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 03-I-12	Physician Education to Support Patient Adherence to Treatment	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 04-I-12	Single Signature Contracts and Right to "Opt Out" (Resolution 830-I-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 4 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 05-I-12	National Database for J-1 Visa Waiver Program	Recommendations in BOT Report 5 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 06-I-12	AMA Principles for Physician Employment (Resolution 724-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 6 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The Principles for Physician Employment (www.ama-assn.org/go/employmentprinciples) were sent to the American Hospital Association, the Medical Group Management Association, the Society of Hospital Medicine, and the American Medical Group Association, with a request that these organizations adopt the Principles as their own.</p> <p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p> <p>The AMA Principles for Physician Employment have been published on the AMA website (www.ama-assn.org/go/employmentprinciples) and disseminated to relevant stakeholder groups (AHA, AMGA, MGMA, and SHM). Additionally, the Principles were the subject of a joint AMA, American Bar Association, Chicago Medical Society education program at A-13, which will soon be available as a webcast with CME credit.</p>

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BOT Report 07-I-12	Potential Combined HOD/NAC Meeting	Substitute Recommendations in BOT Report 7 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Board of Trustees Report 30 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee F) HOD Action: Not Adopted.
BOT Report 08-I-12	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Nondiscrimination Language	Recommendations in BOT Report 8 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Board of Trustees Report 32 on the subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee B) AMA Policy Database Updated. HOD Action: Filed.
BOT Report 09-I-12	2013 Strategic Plan	Filed.	
BOT Report 10-I-12	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates - Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 10 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Board of Trustees Report 33 on this subject will be considered by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 33 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
CCB Report 01-I-12	Bylaws for Senior Physicians Section	Recommendation in CCB Report 1-I-12 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Bylaws Updated.
CEJA Report 01-I-12	Amendment to Opinion E-9.011, "Continuing Medical Education"	Recommendations in CEJA Report 1 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CLRPD Report 01-I-12	Proposal for a Senior Physicians Section	Recommendations in CLRPD Report 1 Adopted and Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting and presents additional bylaws for the Senior Physicians Section. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in CCB Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
CME Report 01-I-12	Update on Interprofessional Education	Recommendations in CME Report 1 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	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 Policy Database Updated.

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CME-CMS Joint Report	The Structure and Function of Interprofessional Health Care Teams	Recommendations in CME-CMS Joint Report I-12 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<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>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting.</p> <p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)</p>
CMS Report 01-I-12	Cost-Sharing for Specialty Drugs (Resolution 802-I-11)	Recommendations in CMS Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 02-I-12	Medical Record and Reporting Standards (Resolution 812-I-11)	Recommendations in CMS Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting.</p> <p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational)</p>
CMS Report 03-I-12	Face-to-Face Encounter Rule (Resolutions 813-I-11, 716-A-12 and 723-A-12)	Recommendations in CMS Report 03-I-12 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>Recommendations 3, 4 & 5 - Our AMA continues to monitor the new ACA face-to-face requirements and impact they have on physicians. We also sought input from affected specialties on this topic. As concerns and questions arise, our AMA continues to share them with CMS. We will continue to educate physicians on the documentation requirements. Our AMA maintains a web page on the home health face-to-face requirements outlining the documentation needed by Medicare to support the ACA mandate. And, we continue to advocate to HHS against unfunded mandates.</p> <p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p>
CMS Report 05-I-12	Strengthening Medicare for Current and Future Generations	Recommendations in CMS Report 5 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	<p>The Council on Medical Service continues to review the literature and modeling undertaken by CBO and other researchers, and will report further to the House of Delegates when more comprehensive data and findings become available.</p> <p>AMA Policy Database Updated.</p>

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CSAPH Report 01-I-12	Use of Atypical Antipsychotics in Pediatric Patients	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 1 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	A letter was sent to Thomas Insel, MD, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, seeking their assistance in developing guidance for physicians on the long-term safety and effectiveness of atypical antipsychotics in pediatric patients. AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 02-I-12	National Drug Shortages-Update	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Science and Public Health Report 8 on this subject will appear in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E) HOD Action: Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed. Referred - Recommendation #8.
CSAPH Report 03-I-12	Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 3 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	In response to a February 2013 report from the Office of Inspector General critical of the ability of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to determine whether risk evaluation and mitigation strategies (REMS) improve drug safety, the FDA agreed to develop and implement a plan to identify, develop, validate, and assess REMS components. To support the initiative, FDA will incorporate input from stakeholders, including the AMA, on issues and challenges associated with development, implementation, and assessment of REMS, including administrative burdens placed on physicians and the healthcare system. FDA also will seek to identify REMS that are not meeting their goals and take appropriate actions to protect the public health, while ensuring that they are “not unduly burdensome on patient access to a drug.” AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 04-I-12	Clinical Application of Next-Generation Genomic Sequencing	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 4 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 05-I-12	AMA Policy Consolidation: Influenza and Influenza Vaccine	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 5 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
Late RES 1003-I-12	Federal Physician Attendance at Medical Meetings	Adopted.	In light of the Sequester, our AMA is reaching out to the administration to ensure that federal physicians are able to participate in our AMA’s upcoming Interim Meeting in Washington DC.

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
RES 001-I-12	Employment Status and Eligibility for Election or Appointment to Medical Staff Leadership Positions	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 29 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 29 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 002-I-12	The Corporate Practice of Medicine	Adopted.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)
RES 201-I-12	Antitrust Exemption for Health Insurance Companies	Referred for Decision.	Resolution 201-I-12, submitted by the Medical Student Section, asked our AMA to urge federal authorities to oppose antitrust exemption status for health insurance companies currently available to health insurers under the McCarran-Ferguson Act of 1945 (the Act). Our AMA has considered repeal of the Act on two recent occasions. Each time, our AMA decided not to support repeal. Our AMA has repeatedly chosen not to support repeal because to do so would divert advocacy resources from our long-standing, focused antitrust advocacy strategy. Our AMA has extensive policy calling for antitrust relief to level the playing field in physician/health insurer negotiations. The Board VOTED to not adopt Resolution 201-I-12; and to reaffirm existing HOD policies H-180.975, H-285.995, H-380.987, H-383.990, H-383.992, H-383.993, H-385.971, H-385.973, H-385.976.
RES 202-I-12	Medical Marijuana Research	Policies H-95.952 and H-95.998 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 202.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 203-I-12	Student Loans and Medicare/Medicaid Participation	Adopted as Amended.	Staff continue to monitor this issue, but no legislative opportunities have manifested at this time.
RES 208-I-12	A More Uniform Approach to Assessing Patients for Controlled Substances for Pain Relief	Referred.	A Board Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B)

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RES 209-I-12	Eliminate ICD-10	Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 216.	Working with AMA staff, Cong. Ted Poe (R-TX) has introduced legislation to prevent the Secretary from implementing ICD-10 and calling for a study on alternatives. Our AMA sent a letter to CMS signed by numerous specialty and state medical societies in December 2012 advocating against ICD-10 and has pushed this issue with top officials in the Administration.
RES 210-I-12	Monitoring the Affordable Care Act	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational)
RES 211-I-12	Use of Prevention and Public Health Fund Dollars for Activities Unrelated to Prevention and Health Promotion	Adopted.	Our AMA has reached out to Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) to discuss how we can assist in preventing inappropriate uses of the prevention fund. AMA will also be contacting the Secretary of HHS to express our objection to the use of the prevention fund for purposes not consistent with statute. Staff continues to monitor budgetary and appropriations opportunities to restore diverted funding. AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 212-I-12	Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 213-I-12	Non-Physician Practitioners Certifying Medicare Patients' Need for Therapeutic Shoes and Inserts	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 215-I-12	Sequestration Budget Cuts	Adopted.	A letter signed by 130 national specialty and state medical association was sent on December 21, 2012 opposing the sequestration budget cuts. 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.
RES 216-I-12	Recommend the US Move Directly to ICD-11 and Skip ICD-10	Resolution 209 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 216.	See RES 209-I-12.

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RES 218-I-12	Oppose Medicare Penalties for Non Adoption of HER	Policies H-478.991 and D-478.994 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 218, 219, 226 and 228.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 219-I-12	Electronic Health Records	Policies H-478.991 and D-478.994 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 218, 219, 226 and 228.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 221-I-12	Decoupling Social Security from Medicare	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 222-I-12	Generic Medications and Pay for Delay Practices	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 223-I-12	Mandatory Physician Enrollment in Medicare	Adopted.	CMS has previously informed our AMA that such an option contemplated by this resolution does not exist. No legislation has been introduced at this time.
RES 224-I-12	RAC Audits of E&M Codes	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA continues to strongly urge CMS to eliminate RAC audits of E/M codes, as the RACs do not have the clinical expertise to make judgments regarding E/M code use. To date, CMS has limited these audits to a test RAC review among three physicians. Our AMA will continue to aggressively oppose these audits. Our AMA has submitted multiple statements and a white paper to the White House, Committees on Energy and Commerce and Oversight and Government Reform, as well as the Senate Finance Committee, regarding the burden of current program integrity efforts and suggestions for reform.
RES 225-I-12	Income Eligibility/Tax Deductibility of Student Loan Interest	Policy D-305.962 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 225.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 226-I-12	Penalties for Non-Adoption of Health Information Technology	Policies H-478.991 and D-478.994 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 218, 219, 226 and 228.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 227-I-12	Medicare Part B Coverage of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis)	Adopted.	Our AMA has been working to change coverage of Tdap vaccine from Part D to Part B for many years and continues to do so. Our AMA has supported legislative initiatives to move coverage of Part D vaccines into Part B. We have also provided input into a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study regarding coverage of Part D vaccines. Our AMA also has urged the administration to use its authority provided by the ACA to add Medicare coverage for preventive services to move preventive vaccines from Part D to Part B.
RES 228-I-12	Medicare's Payment Reduction for Medicare Eligible Professionals Who Do Not Demonstrate Meaningful Use of Electronic Medical Records by 2015	Policies H-478.991 and D-478.994 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolutions 218, 219, 226 and 228.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 230-I-12	Innovation to Improve Usability and Decrease Costs of Electronic Health Record Systems for Physicians	Substitute Resolution 230 Adopted.	Board of Trustees Report 23 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 23 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 601-I-12	Abuse of CPT Descriptors Related to Surgery	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F).
RES 801-I-12	Prescription Refill Schedules	Adopted.	Our AMA sent letters to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO), and Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) notifying them of and asking them to inform their member companies of this House action.
RES 802-I-12	Use of Integrated Electronic Patient Care Reports for Prehospital Providers	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)

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RES 803-I-12	Billing Codes for Filling Out Forms	Adopted.	Our AMA has consistently advocated for physicians to be compensated for all the work they do including completing forms mandated by insurers for the purposes of documenting worker's compensation to completing forms required by payers like Medicare to justify medical necessity for home health and durable medical equipment. While we have been successful in getting Medicare to pay for some of these activities, we continue to press for additional payments for more forms. Our AMA also sent letters to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), and American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO) notifying them of and asking them to inform their member companies of this House action.
RES 804-I-12	Security of Telemedicine Communication	Adopted.	Board of Trustees Report 26 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee G) HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 26 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 805-I-12	Telemedicine	Policies H-480.947, H-480.969, H-480.961, and H-390.859 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 805.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 806-I-12	Pay for Consultation Via Telephone and Electronic Communications	Policies H-390.859 and H-480.961 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 806.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 807-I-12	Transparent Development of Clinical Coverage Protocols by Private Carriers and Benefit Management Plans	Substitute Resolution 807 Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	The HOD action was incorporated into Draft Benefit Manager Guidelines that are being reviewed by specialty organizations. The guidelines will be shared with insurers and benefit management companies to raise awareness of the issues and seek change in policies. In addition, our AMA sent letters to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), and American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO) notifying them of and asking them to inform their member companies of this House action. Our AMA also notified the Federation about new AMA policy to advocate that when private insurance plans and benefit management companies make changes to or revise clinical coverage protocols, said companies must inform all insured individuals and participating providers in writing no less than 90 days prior to said change(s) going into effect, and our willingness to assist all state and specialty societies in furthering this policy.

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RES 809-I-12	Medicaid Expansion	Adopted as Amended.	At the invitation of the state medical societies, our AMA has been providing resources to state and specialty medical societies to encourage the expansion of Medicaid coverage. In addition, in an ongoing basis, our AMA works with CMS, as well as state and specialty societies, to address issues surrounding Medicaid expansion. We are striving to increase the payments to physicians while reducing the administrative burden.
RES 810-I-12	Medicare Quality and Resource Use Reports	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has continued to work with CMS to improve the design, content and performance indicators included in QRURs for physicians. Based on recommendations of an AMA-convened work group, CMS modified some of the explanatory information in the QRURs and has indicated a willingness to make further modifications that will follow AMA-developed standards for physician profile reports. Our AMA has repeatedly advocated for delay or repeal of the value-based modifier, most recently in comments to two Congressional Committees developing legislation to repeal and replace the SGR.
RES 811-I-12	Administrative Simplification	Adopted as Amended.	AMA notified the Federation about new AMA policy to support state and specialty society initiatives to simplify administrative functions and our willingness to assist all state and specialty societies in furthering this policy. Significant resources exist on the AMA website toward this goal.
RES 812-I-12	Shared Decision Making Resource Centers	Adopted as Amended.	No funding has been appropriated to support Shared Decision Making Resource Centers. Since this program was authorized by the ACA, Congress has been unable to pass any legislation to fund discretionary programs created by the ACA.
RES 813-I-12	Hospital Based Physicians and the Value Based Payment Modifier	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)
RES 814-I-12	Designation of Electrodiagnosis / Other Services as Separate Category in Provider Networks	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA sent letters to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO) notifying them of and asking them to inform their member companies of this House action.

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RES 815-I-12	Evidence-Based Utilization of Services	Adopted.	Promoted Choosing Wisely website in March 7 Federation News and in the April 17 issue of AMA Wire. The site has evidence-based recommendations about commonly ordered tests and treatments. AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 816-I-12	Swipe Cards for Insurance Eligibility Determination and Payment	Policy D-185.999 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 816.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 818-I-12	Medical Staff Bylaws as Binding Contracts	Substitute Resolution 818 Adopted in Lieu of RES 818 and 821.	Our AMA notified the Federation about new AMA policy to actively pursue the enactment of legislation and/or regulation that will recognize medical staff bylaws as a binding contract, not subject to unilateral amendment, between the organized medical staff and the governing board of a hospital or health care delivery system and its willingness to assist all state and specialty societies in furthering this policy at the state level. AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 819-I-12	Responsibility for Transparency	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA notified the Federation about new AMA policy to actively oppose any legislation and/or regulation that deems the physician the responsible party to inform patients of their anticipated health care costs where the practitioner does not set reimbursement rates and its willingness to assist all state and specialty societies in furthering this policy at the state level.
RES 820-I-12	Opposing Assigning Dual-Eligible Patients into Mandatory Managed Care	Substitute Resolution 820 Adopted.	Our AMA has sent a letter to and met with the CMS administration on these issues. We continue to monitor these programs and to highlight concerns to CMS.
RES 821-I-12	Medical Staff Autonomy to Assure Quality Care	Substitute Resolution 818 Adopted in Lieu of RES 818 and 821.	See RES 818-I-12.

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RES 822-I-12	AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee Recommendations	Substitute Resolution 822 Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA routinely submits comments to CMS opposing relative value unit cuts in excess of those recommended by the RUC. For example, AMA comments on the proposed 2013 payment rule objected to five categories of relative value cuts contemplated by CMS. In addition, physician leaders from the RUC and CPT have met several times with top level CMS staff to object to the agency's tendency to make cuts that have not been fully discussed with the RUC and specialty societies prior to rulemaking.
RES 903-I-12	Expanding Clerkship Site Access to Include US Medical Schools Undergoing Accreditation	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Medical Education Report on the subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. AMA Policy Database Updated. Council on Medical Education Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K)
RES 904-I-12	Improved Prescription Container Labeling	Substitute Resolution 904 Adopted with Change in Title.	Staff communicated the new AMA policy and position to the United States Pharmacopeia convention and to government affairs staff within the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
RES 905-I-12	Inclusion of Folic Acid Supplements in Nutritional Assistance Programs	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2013 Interim Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K)
RES 906-I-12	Increased Advocacy for Hepatitis C Virus Education, Prevention, Screening, and Treatment	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 907-I-12	Psychiatric Diseases Among Ethnic-Minority and Immigrant Populations	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 908-I-12	Increasing the School Nurse to Student Ratio	Policy H-60.991 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 908.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 909-I-12	Harm Reduction Strategies for Patients at Risk of Opioid Overdose	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has engaged in several efforts to encourage the continued study and implementation of community-based naloxone treatments including meetings with the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC), and raising the issue with national Governor's Association (NGA), both at the internal staff level and at national meetings. Our AMA also provided direct legislative support in NJ, CO, OK, raised the issue with the National Council of State Legislatures, and supported related activities being carried out by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. Finally, our AMA was a signatory to a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services offering to partner in a "coordinated effort focused on the prevention of overdose fatalities."
RES 910-I-12	Public Service Announcements to Educate Children and Adults to Never to Use Medications Prescribed to Other Individuals	Adopted as Amended.	Promoted National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day (April 27) in the April 24 issue of AMA Wire. Reminders were included about educating and counseling patients about the dangers of prescription drug diversion.
RES 911-I-12	Expansion of the National Diabetes Prevention Program	Substitute Resolution 911 Adopted with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 912-I-12	Cold Turkey Smoking Cessation	Policy H-490.917 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 912.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 916-I-12	Mandatory Immunizations for Long-Term Care Workers	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 917-I-12	Accreditation/Certification Cost and Convenience	Referred.	Council on Medical Education Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee C) HOD Action: Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed. Prepare CME Report for Annual 2014. Prepare Complete Report for Annual 2015.
RES 920-I-12	ACGME Residency Program Entry Requirements	Adopted.	The American Osteopathic Association 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. AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 921-I-12	Shortage of Residency Training Positions	Policies D-305.958 and D-305.973 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 921.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 922-I-12	Support for Breast Reconstruction Initiatives	Substitute Resolution 922 Adopted with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 923-I-12	Ensuring the Safe and Appropriate Use of Compounded Medications	Substitute Resolution 923 Adopted with Change in Title.	Council on Science and Public Health Report 09 on this subject appeared in the House of Delegates Handbook at the 2013 Annual Meeting. (Reference Committee E) HOD Action: Recommendations in CSAPH Report 09 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 926-I-12	Preservation of Residency Training Positions	Adopted as Amended.	The American Osteopathic Association 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. AMA Policy Database Updated.

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BOT Report 01-A-13	Auditor's Report	Recommendations in BOT Report 01 Filed.	
BOT Report 02-A-13	AMA 2014 Dues	Recommendations in BOT Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA's 2014 dues have been implemented and no further action is required.
BOT Report 03-A-13	Physician Insurers Association of America: Official Observer Status in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Physician Insurers Association of America was notified of status as a new Official Observer and provided with information on the next House of Delegates meeting.
BOT Report 04-A-13	Clear and Convincing Evidence (Resolution 207-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 04 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to work with interested states and specialties on legislation adopting the clear and convincing evidence standard.
BOT Report 05-A-13	Physician Practice Drift	Recommendations in BOT Report 05 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to work with interested states and specialties to advance truth-in-advertising legislation and will continue to monitor legislation related to physician practice drift.
BOT Report 06-A-13	New Specialty Organization Representation in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The American Society of Echocardiography and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association were both notified of House action and added to the regular House of Delegates communication channels.
BOT Report 08-A-13	Virtual Reference Committees in the House of Delegates	Recommendations in BOT Report 08 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F)
BOT Report 09-A-13	Pain Management and the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Program (Resolution 708-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 09 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has repeatedly voiced concerns with Administration officials regarding the complexities surrounding certain reporting requirements in the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Program and the epidemic of opioid overuse. Specifically, we have told senior CMS and FDA officials that the reporting of pain management measures in the program may lead some hospitals to inappropriately pressure physicians to overprescribe pain medications. Thus, our AMA has urged the Agency to reassess the appropriate use of such measures in the Program.
BOT Report 10-A-13	Preventing Deaths and Injuries from Distracted Walking	Recommendations in BOT Report 10 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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BOT Report 11-A-13	Designation of Specialty Societies for Representation in the House of Delegates	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F)
BOT Report 12-A-13	Separate Palliative Deaths from the Mortality Statistics (Resolution 225-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 12 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 225-A-12, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA continues to advocate to CMS for the inclusion of better risk-adjustment methodologies and measure design with their mortality measures. Our AMA's 2014 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) proposed rule comments included concerns with the construct of CMS' mortality measures. During NQF's review of various mortality measures, we also have expressed concern, and we continue to monitor the development of mortality measures.
BOT Report 13-A-13	Medicare/Medicaid Coverage of Multi-Use Technology Platforms (Resolution 707-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 13 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 14-A-13	Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies (Resolution 505-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 14 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA communicated with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) concerning options available to pursue regulation requiring direct-to-consumer advertising and any other media to accurately and meaningfully disclose the requirements for receipt of durable medical equipment and other medical supplies.
BOT Report 15-A-13	Equal Access to Organ Transplantation for Medicaid Beneficiaries (Resolution 1-I-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 15 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 16-A-13	Invasive Procedures (Resolution 218-I-11)	Recommendations in BOT Report 16 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA will continue to monitor policy and legislative developments related to invasive procedures and advocate as needed on this topic.
BOT Report 17-A-13	Data Ownership and Access to Clinical Data in Health Information Exchanges	Recommendations in BOT Report 17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 18-A-13	Annual Update on Activities and Progress in Tobacco Control: March 2012 Through February 2013	Filed.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 20-A-13	Physicians' Response to Victims of Human Trafficking (Resolutions 4 and 8-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT 20 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 21-A-13	Exam Room Computing & Patient-Physician Interactions (Resolution 701-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 21 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Through the Strategic Initiative on Physician Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability the AMA is developing and distributing to physicians modules and resources for effectively use EHRs in the patient-physician interaction.

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BOT Report 22-A-13	Professionalism in Telemedicine & Telehealth (Resolution 711-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 22 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on Recommendation 3 will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting. AMA Policy Database Updated.
BOT Report 23-A-13	Innovation to Improve Usability and Decrease Costs of Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems for Physicians	Recommendations in BOT Report 23 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA has taken the lead with the administration in highlighting a variety of concerns physicians have expressed over how well EHRs are working to accommodate physicians' workflow. We continue to push ONC on the need to have systems that work well for physicians – whether they are open source or proprietary. Our AMA testified before the ONC federal advisory committee workgroup on EHR issues, and our AMA sent a joint letter to the administration with AHA about the challenges physicians are facing with the usability of certified EHRs.
BOT Report 24-A-13	Cost and Benefit Analysis for Electronic Health Record Implementation and Understanding the Pitfalls of EHRs and Providing Strategies for Success (Resolutions 722 and 725-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 24 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 2014 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 25-A-13	Evaluation of ICD-11 as a New Diagnostic Coding System	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 26-A-13	Security of Telemedicine Communication	Recommendations in BOT Report 26 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Our AMA met with several organizations including the American Telemedicine Association (ATA), Federation of State Medical Boards, Center for Telehealth and eHealth Law (cTeL) and other experts in the field of telemedicine and are in the process of formulating an approach to address this issue.
BOT Report 27-A-13	Work-Related Abuses of IMG Physicians Working Under the Conrad-30 Program (Resolution 222-A-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 27 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 222-A-12, Remainder of Report Filed.	A bipartisan immigration bill passed the Senate on June 27th that includes several, AMA-secured employment protections for physicians working under the Conrad 30 program. On June 27th, the House Judiciary Committee advanced a bill, that as a result of AMA advocacy efforts, includes the same employment protections for physicians. Our AMA will continue to advocate for such protections in any final immigration reform legislation. The International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) continues to promote on its web site its educational resources to international medical graduates on J-1 visa waivers. While the IMGS has not received recent e-mails or letters regarding work-related abuses of international medical graduate physicians working under the Conrad-30 program, the IMGS is prepared to provide the appropriate information, resources, and referrals to state medical societies to these physicians.
BOT Report 28-A-13	Council on Legislation Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in BOT Report 28 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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BOT Report 29-A-13	Employment Status and Eligibility for Election or Appointment to Medical Staff Leadership Positions (Resolution 1-I-12)	Recommendations in BOT Report 29 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Revisions to relevant AMA publications (Physician's Guide to Medical Staff Organization Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Organized Medical Staffs) are underway and will include the insertion of provisions supporting the principles.
BOT Report 30-A-13	Future of the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates	Not Adopted.	
BOT Report 32-A-13	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Non-Discrimination Language	Filed.	For Information.
BOT Report 33-A-13	Specialty Society Representation in the House of Delegates - Five-Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 33 Adopted, remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated and societies notified of the House action.
CCB Report 02-A-13	AMA Senior Physicians Section - Additional Bylaws	Recommendations in CCB Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Bylaws Updated.
CCB Report 03-A-13	Creation of an AMA Women Physicians Section	Adopted.	Working with the Council on Constitution and Bylaws, the Women Physicians Section (WPS) drafted its Internal Operating Procedures, which were approved at the September 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting. Council on Constitution and Bylaws Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CCB-CLRPD Report 01	AMA Policy Directives which are Obsolete, Duplicative or Accomplished	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 01 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB-CLRPD Report 02	Governance Policy Consolidation: Lodging, Meeting Venues and Social Functions	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB-CLRPD Report 03	CCB/CLRPD Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 03 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CCB-CLRPD Report 04	AMA Policies on Women Physicians for Sunset and Consolidation	Recommendations in CCB-CLRPD Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CEJA Opinion 01-A-13	Amendment to E-9.011, "Continuing Medical Education"	Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CEJA Report 01-A-13	Physician Exercise of Conscience	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affaris Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CEJA Report 02-A-13	Amendment to E-8.061, "Gifts to Physicians from Industry"	Referred.	Council on Ethical and Judicial Affaris Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
CEJA Report 03-A-13	Amendment to E-5.055, "Confidential Care for Minors" (Resolution 1-A-12)	Recommendations in CEJA Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CEJA Report 04-A-13	CEJA's Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CEJA Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CLRPD Report 01-A-13	Proposal for a Women Physicians Section	Recommendations in CLRPD Report 01 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	CCB Report 3-A-13 accomplished this action.
CME Report 02-A-13	Council on Medical Education Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CME Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CME Report 03-A-13	Implementation of Accreditation Standards Related to Medical School Diversity	Recommendations in CME Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CME Report 04-A-13	An Update on Maintenance of Certification, Osteopathic Continuous Certification, and Maintenance of Licensure (Resolution 917-I-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, 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 and 2015 Annual Meetings.
CME Report 05-A-13	Physician Workforce Shortage, Going Forward with Reforming GME Financing (Resolutions 317 and 329-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 05 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 2014 Annual Meeting.
CME Report 06-A-13	Curricula for Pain Education (Resolution 325-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CME Report 07-A-13	Retention and Availability of Continuing Medical Education Participation Records (Resolution 327-A-12)	Recommendations in CME Report 07 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	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.
CME Report 08-A-13	The Changing Training Environment: Access to Procedural Training for Residents and Fellows (Resolution 328-A-12)	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-13	Student Mistreatment	Recommendations in CME Report 09 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The Association of American Medical Colleges, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, AMA Learning Environment Study Group and the Liaison Committee on 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.
CMS Report 01-A-13	Worksite Health Clinics	Recommendations in CMS Report 01 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 02-A-13	Value-Based Insurance Design	Recommendations in CMS Report 02 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 03-A-13	Payment Variations Across Outpatient Sites of Service (Resolution 118 and Substitute Resolution 112-A-12)	Recommendations in CMS Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated. Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with the states to advocate that third party payers be required to (1) assess equal or lower facility coinsurance for lower-cost sites of service (hospital outpatient department, ambulatory surgical center, or office-based facility); (2) publish and routinely update pertinent information related to patient cost-sharing; and (3) allow their plan's participating physicians to perform outpatient procedures at an appropriate site of service as chosen by the physician and the patient.
CMS Report 04-A-13	Council on Medical Service Sunset Review of 2003 AMA House Policies	Recommendations in CMS Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CMS Report 05-A-13	Delivery of Care and Financing Reform for Medicare and Medicaid Dually Eligible Beneficiaries	Recommendations in CMS Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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CMS Report 06-A-13	Delivery Reform	Recommendations in CMS Report 06 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 01-A-13	CSAPH Sunset Review of 2003 House Policies	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 01 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 02-A-13	Nanotechnology Safety and Regulation (Resolution 512-A-12)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 02 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 03-A-13	Is Obesity a Disease? (Resolution 115-A-12)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 03 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 04-A-13	Safety of X-Ray Security Scanners (Resolutions 516 and 518-A-11)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 04 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 05-A-13	Health Effects of the Gulf Oil Spill	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 05 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 06-A-13	Electronic Games and Health Promotion	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 06 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
CSAPH Report 07-A-13	Genetic Discrimination and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act	Recommendations CSAPH Report 07 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 511, Remainder of Report Filed.	After discussions with key proponents of genetic nondiscrimination in Congress, there does not appear to be an appetite to address other forms of insurance. They were explicitly excluded during GINA development and will not be revisited at this time.
CSAPH Report 08-A-13	National Drug Shortages: Update	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed. Referred - Recommendation #8.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
CSAPH Report 09-A-13	Pharmacy Compounding	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 09 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 001-A-13	Discrimination Against Patients by Medical Students	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 002-A-13	Investigating the Possibility of a Unified Living Donor Kidney Registry	Referred for Decision.	<p>The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 2-A-13 which asked that our AMA support the study of how to develop a unified, nationwide living kidney donor registry and advocate for public and private funding of such to reach the long-term goal of establishing a unified registry.</p> <p>The Board VOTED to adopt the following in lieu of Resolution 002-A-13: That our AMA: (1) encourage the continued expansion of the United Network for Organ Sharing's (UNOS) Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) program which provides a national registry of living donors, carries out ongoing data collection on key issues of concern in transplantation from living donors, and through its operational guidelines provides consistent, national standards for the transplant community; and (2) encourage voluntary coordination among private donor registries and UNOS to enhance the availability of organs for transplantation.</p>
RES 003-A-13	Organ Donation Education in Driver Training Programs	Policy H-370.984 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 3.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 004-A-13	Conforming Birth Certificate Policies to Current Medical Standards for Transgender Patients	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 005-A-13	Conforming Birth Certificate Policies to Current Medical Standards for Transgender Patients	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 006-A-13	Maintaining Public Safety and Trust in Medicine	Reaffirm Policy H-175.992 in Lieu of Resolution 6.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 007-A-13	Residents' Rights to Make Potentially Unsafe Choices in Long-Term Care	Reaffirm Opinion E-8.08 in Lieu of Resolution 7.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 008-A-13	Physicians and Physicians-in-Training as Examples for Their Patients to Promote Wellness and Healthy Lifestyles	Adopted as Amended.	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.
RES 009-A-13	Restrictive Covenants	Referred.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 101-A-13	Affordable Access for Low Income Individuals	Policies H-165.855, D-165.955 and H-165.848 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 101.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 102-A-13	Patient Satisfaction Surveys and Quality Parameters as Criteria for Physician Payment	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Our AMA continues to communicate extensively with the Administration on the problems with measuring physicians on patient satisfaction and including measures in quality programs that are outside the direct control of physicians. Our 2014 Proposed Physician Fee Schedule comments thoroughly discussed the problems with this level of measurement and the need for better methodologies.
RES 103-A-13	Managed Care Contract Payment Should be Above Medicare Fees	Adopted.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to seeking legislation and/or regulation to prevent managed care companies from utilizing a physician payment schedule below the updated Medicare professional fee schedule.
RES 104-A-13	Cost-Saving Public Coverage for Renal Transplant Patients	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to offering technical assistance to individual state and specialty societies when those societies lobby state or federal legislative or executive bodies to implement evidence-based cost-saving policies within public health insurance programs.
RES 105-A-13	Reducing the Cost of Prescription Drugs to Low Income Seniors	Policies H-110.990 and H-330.902 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 105.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 106-A-13	Transitional Reinsurance Fees Under the Affordable Care Act	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 107-A-13	Medicare's Non-Existent Relationship to Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) Fees	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 108-A-13	Vaccines for Children Program and the New CPT Codes for Immunization Administration	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA is in discussions with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) about the status of and a plan for resolving problems with state Medicaid coverage of the CPT vaccine administration codes 90460 and 90461. These codes were adopted by CPT several years ago based on a proposal from the AAP aimed at more accurately reporting immunization services.
RES 109-A-13	Comprehensive Dental Coverage (Including Dental Implants) for Children with Orofacial Clefting	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 110-A-13	Language and Hearing Impaired Interpreter Services	Policies D-385.978, H-285.985 and H-160.924 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 110.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 111-A-13	Medicare Long Term Care Prior Hospitalization Requirement	Resolution 117 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 111.	See RES 117-A-13.
RES 112-A-13	Unfair Medicare Payment Practice	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

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RES 113-A-13	Making Medicare Price Standardization Accurate	Policies D-450.964, H-400.984, H-400.988 and H-400.966 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 113.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 114-A-13	Oncofertility and Fertility Preservation Treatment	Adopted.	No federal legislation has been introduced to mandate the coverage of fertility preservation services by all payers when iatrogenic infertility may be caused by oncologic treatments.
RES 115-A-13	Medication Non-Adherence and Errors	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 116-A-13	Extending Medicaid Payment Increases to Primary Care Physicians to Include Obstetrician/Gynecologists	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 117-A-13	Observation Status and Medicare Part A Qualification	Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 111.	Our AMA continues to advocate for legislation which would count observation care days toward the 72 hour criteria for Medicare SNF coverage. Initial conversations with committee staff regarding direct admission on the order of a physician have not been promising due to the likely high cost to the Medicare program.
RES 118-A-13	Pap Testing Guidelines: HEDIS versus USPSTF	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 119-A-13	Place of Service Code for Observation Services	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 120-A-13	Patient Access to Anti-Tuberculosis Medications	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 121-A-13	Need to Deactivate New Coding Edits that Bundle Evaluation and Management Codes and Codes for Immunization Services, Resulting in Decreased Immunization Rates for Children	Adopted.	Our AMA included this issue in a comment letter on the 2014 proposed regulations on physician payment policy, in which our AMA urged CMS to deactivate the edits associated with the use of Modifier 25 for billing childhood immunizations and wellness visits.
RES 122-A-13	Health Insurer Code of Conduct Principles	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 201-A-13	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 202-A-13	Increasing Public Service Opportunities for Specialists	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 203-A-13	Needle Exchange Programs	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 204-A-13	Programs to Combat Food Deserts	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 205-A-13	Preventing Penalties for Physicians Who Provide Care to Military Patients	Adopted.	Our AMA has advocated to CMS on numerous occasions for exemptions for certain situations to allow more physicians to avoid Medicare ePrescribing penalties. Most recently, our AMA specifically advocated for physicians who treat military patients to be exempt from ePrescribing penalties.
RES 206-A-13	Preservation of the Public Health Infrastructure	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to support the work of the CDC, and the efforts of state and local health departments working to improve community health status, lower the risk of disease and protect the nation against epidemics and other catastrophes.
RES 207-A-13	Physician Extenders Reimbursement	Policies D-390.971, H-330.932 and H-360.988 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 207.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 208-A-13	Allow Physicians to Receive “Dual Use” Supplies for In-Office Blood Collection	Adopted as Amended.	No legislation has been introduced allowing physicians to receive dual use supplies.
RES 209-A-13	Extrapolation by Medicare Recovery Audit Contractors	Adopted.	Our AMA continues to strongly oppose the use of extrapolation by the Medicare Recovery Auditors, and to urge CMS to comply with Section 1893(f)(3) of the Social Security Act, most recently in an August 30 letter to CMS on suggested changes to the 2014 RAC Statement of Work. We also have urged Congress to prevent use of extrapolation by RACs.
RES 210-A-13	High Federal Taxes on Good Health Insurance Plans	Not Adopted.	
RES 211-A-13	Call for Action for Support of Continuation of CO-OP Applications	Adopted as Amended.	The fact that no appropriations legislation has been enacted this year has precluded the ability to restore funding for CO-OPs. Our AMA will continue to seek opportunities to restore this funding.
RES 212-A-13	Restricting Prescriptions to Medicare Beneficiaries	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 213-A-13	Prescribing Controlled Substances in Long-Term Care	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 214-A-13	Gun Control and Research	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 215-A-13	Reform the U.S. Farm Bill to Improve U.S. Public Health and Food Sustainability	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 216-A-13	Recognizing the Diversity of Practice Models in the Transition from the SGR to a Higher Performing Medicare Program	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	Legislation consistent with the first resolve has been reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and is under development in the Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee. Our AMA has been involved in these efforts in a significant manner and continues to advocate for the inclusion of a broad range of AMA supported policies. Fee for service opportunities have been preserved though the committees have declined to entertain private contracting as an explicit option beyond the limited opportunities available under current law.
RES 217-A-13	AMA HOD Support of the Physician-Led, Multi-Specialty, Integrated Accountable Practice Model (APM) as a Means of Replacing the SGR	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	See RES 216-A-13.
RES 218-A-13	AMA Response to Pharmacy Intrusion into Medical Practice	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) convened a stakeholder meeting to discuss physician and pharmacist views on recent procedures for verifying opioid analgesic prescriptions' legitimacy before dispensing. Our AMA stressed the difficulties of trying to appropriately prescribe for patients with serious pain problems who are then denied care and must leave the pharmacy without their medications. There was broad agreement on the need to continue working together to develop a common list of "red flags" for potential abuse and diversion, and a common set of policies for how to deal with these red flags. Our AMA also notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working on these issues.
RES 219-A-13	Discrimination Against Diabetic Truck Drivers	Not Adopted.	
RES 220-A-13	Firearm Safety	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 221-A-13	Firearm Safety and Research, Reduction in Firearm Violence, and Enhancing Access to Mental Health Care	Substitute Resolution 221 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 221 and 222.	Our AMA has communicated to all members of Congress support for firearms-related research. The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill includes \$10 million to build the public health research base on how to reduce the threat of firearm-related violence. It is unlikely that this bill will be brought to the floor. Our AMA also communicated with the Federation on the other key objectives of the resolution, including that AMA is committed to supporting initiatives to enhance access to mental and cognitive health care and working with the Federation to identify and develop standardized approaches to mental health assessment for potential violent behavior.
RES 222-A-13	National Violent Death Reporting System	Substitute Resolution 221 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 221 and 222.	See RES 221-A-13.

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RES 223-A-13	Promote MDs and DOs to Use Physician and Surgeon Designations	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 224-A-13	Reduction of Gun Violence	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 225-A-13	Regulatory Modernization	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA continuously looks for ways to reduce the regulatory impact of federal requirements on physicians and has a long history of pushing for regulatory reform. We have efforts underway with both the administration and Congress to address many issues, including: ICD-10, Meaningful Use, Physician Quality Reporting System, fraud and abuse, and Value-Based Modifier. Included in this ongoing work, we regularly seek the input of state and specialty societies to inform our advocacy. Our AMA supported Rand study on physician satisfaction will help with this topic.
RES 226-A-13	Submitting Recommendations to Medicare	Adopted as Amended.	In a comment letter to CMS, our AMA emphasized that many physicians are interested in the concept of bundled payments and other new models that are currently being tested by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). However, a backlog of proposals has hampered CMMI's ability to adequately respond to applicants' ideas. Our AMA has urged ameliorative action on this backlog.
RES 227-A-13	The Future of Genito-Urinary Treatment and Research	Adopted as Amended.	Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) offered an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that would require a comprehensive policy on improvements to the care, management and transition of recovering service members with urotrauma from the Defense Department to the Veterans Affairs Department. The amendment was adopted in the NDAA, has passed the House, and is pending in the Senate.
RES 228-A-13	The SAFE Act	Adopted.	Our AMA is sending a letter to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) advocating for them to seek an opinion and guidance on how physicians are to interpret New York State's SAFE Act in light of federal HIPAA regulations.
RES 229-A-13	Require Physician RAC Review and Approval	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA continues to advocate for numerous improvements to the RAC program, including but not limited to, that RACs should not be paid on a contingency fee structure and RACs should be subject to a penalty for incorrect overpayment determinations.
RES 230-A-13	Rights of Medicare Beneficiaries to Receive Covered Services	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 231-A-13	Redefining the AMA's Position on ACA and Healthcare Reform	Adopted as Amended.	Board of Trustees Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational)
RES 232-A-13	Fee-for-Service	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	See RES 216-A-13.

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RES 233-A-13	Strong Opposition to Cuts in Federal Funding for the Indian Health Service	Adopted.	The President's FY2014 Budget proposal for the IHS included an increase of approximately \$500 million. The Senate Interior Appropriations bill included a similar amount. The House bill, however, included a decrease of approximately \$200 million. Based on the current political situation, it is unlikely that either amount will be enacted and that the continuing resolution will fund IHS at the previous level.
RES 234-A-13	Flexibility in Medicare Opt-Out and New Safe Harbor	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA continues to seek legislative opportunities to eliminate the need to reaffirm a Medicare opt-out decision. In a comment letter to CMS on Medicare Provider Enrollment, our AMA expressed concern about the requirement that a physician re-file an affidavit every two years to maintain opt-out status.
RES 235-A-13	Exempt Physician-Administered Drugs From Medicare Sequestration	Adopted.	Our AMA has sent a letter of support for the Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2013. This legislation would exempt Medicare Part B drugs from sequestration and reimburse providers for reductions in payments after April 1, 2013.
RES 236-A-13	Action to Eliminate Implementation of ICD-10	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA worked closely with Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) toward the introduction of the Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013 which would block the implementation of ICD-10. Companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Tom Coburn, MD (R-OK). Our AMA is vigorously advocating for repeal of the ICD-10 mandate imposed by CMS under HIPAA. Since A-13, we have spoken to CMS about this matter on numerous occasions both through formal and information conversations and continue to push for this on the Hill. Our AMA also takes every opportunity it can to remind CMS and other senior administration officials that this is an unfunded mandate that will have no return on investment for the average practicing physician. We continue to push HHS on this matter by reminding them that the ICD-10 mandate coincides with numerous other federal mandates making the move to the new code set an untenable one. Most recently we raised the issue of competing deadlines in a joint letter with the American Hospital Association (AHA) to HHS.
RES 237-A-13	Transparency of our American Medical Association's Policy Concerning the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	Adopted as Amended.	Council on Medical Service Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational)
RES 238-A-13	Eligibility of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages for SNAP	Adopted.	<p>The AMA is developing an educational brief to educate physicians on the effects of SSBs on overall health and the importance educating patients on the subject. It will be posted on the AMA website.</p> <p>Our AMA joined the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and other national organizations on a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack advocating for pilot projects to promote healthier food and beverages purchased by SNAP beneficiaries. Our AMA also notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties in encouraging state health agencies to include educational materials about nutrition and healthy food and beverage choices in routine materials that are currently sent to SNAP recipients.</p>

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RES 239-A-13	Recognizing the Diversity of Practice Modes in the Transition from the SGR to a Higher Performing Medicare Program	Substitute Resolution 216 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 216, 217, 232, and 239.	See RES 216-A-13.
RES 240-A-13	AMA Support for States in Their Development of Legislation to Support Physician-Led, Team Based Care	Adopted.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to continuing to assist states in opposing legislation that would allow for the independent practice of certified registered nurse practitioners and enacting legislation that would define the valued role of mid-level and other health care professionals within a physician-led team based model structured to efficiently deliver optimal quality patient care and to assure patient safety.
RES 301-A-13	Systems-Based Practice Education for Medical Students and Resident/Fellow Physicians	Substitute Resolution 301 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 301, 303 and 313.	AMA Policy Database Updated. The Association of American Medical Colleges, Liaison Committee on Medical Education, American Osteopathic Association, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation 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.
RES 302-A-13	Collaborative Effort to Reduce Federal Loan Interest Rates	Adopted as Amended.	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. In July and August, our AMA advocated for provisions in the Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013 that reformed medical student loan rates to be variable and capped at no more than five percent. Under the new law, the interest rates are now variable, as opposed to fixed, and medical students will see a modest decrease in their Stafford loan interest rates this year. Our AMA has maintained an open dialogue with the AAMC in our commitment to address the adverse impact of high student debt on medical students and advocate for long-term solutions to mitigate student loan burdens.
RES 303-A-13	Insurance Education for Medical Students	Substitute Resolution 301 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 301, 303 and 313.	See RES 301-A-13.
RES 304-A-13	Retaining Public Service Loan Forgiveness	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated. 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.

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RES 305-A-13	Study on Decertification of Physicians Practicing With a Limited License	Adopted.	The American Board of Medical Specialties 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.
RES 306-A-13	Evaluating the Effect of ACGME Resident Work Hours Reforms	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated. 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 307-A-13	Support for Residents and Fellows During Family and Medical Leave Time	Adopted as Amended.	The American Board of Medical Specialties 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.
RES 308-A-13	Board Certification / Maintenance of Certification (MOC)	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 309-A-13	Maintenance of Certification and Licensure Versus Board Certification, Continuing Medical Education and Lifelong Commitment to Learning	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 310-A-13	Medical Facility Regulations for Students Shadowing Physicians	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 311-A-13	Transparency and Accountability for Specialty Boards and Maintenance of Certification	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 312-A-13	Basic Life Support Knowledge and Skills for Physicians	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 313-A-13	Advocacy Training in Medical Schools	Substitute Resolution 301 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 301, 303 and 313.	See RES 301-A-13.
RES 314-A-13	Maintaining Ophthalmology Residency Positions	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 315-A-13	Opposition to Mandatory Maintenance of Certification	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 316-A-13	The Availability of CME at Community Hospitals	Substitute Resolution 316 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 316.	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 317-A-13	Training in Reproductive Health Topics as a Requirement for Accreditation of Family Medicine Residencies	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 318-A-13	Seeking Continuing Medical Education Credits for Medical Reserve Corps Training	Not Adopted.	
RES 319-A-13	Maintenance of Certification - Part IV and Osteopathic Continuous Certification - Component 4	Recommendations in CME Report 04 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 308, 309, 311, 315 and 319, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CME Report 4-A-13.
RES 320-A-13	Support for Quality in Graduate Medical Education	Adopted.	The American Osteopathic Association, Association of American Medical Colleges 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.
RES 401-A-13	Tornado and Storm Safety	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 402-A-13	Clarifying AMA Tobacco Policies	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 403-A-13	Permitting Sunscreen in Schools	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated. Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties to support the exemption of sunscreen from over-the-counter medication possession bans in schools and encourage all schools to allow students to bring and possess sunscreen at school without restriction and without requiring physician authorization.

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RES 404-A-13	Poverty Screening as a Clinical Tool for Improving Health Outcomes	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 405-A-13	The Health Risks of Hydraulic Fracturing	Substitute Resolution 405 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 405.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 406-A-13	Acceptance of Entertainment Trauma	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 407-A-13	Tobacco Harm Reduction	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 408-A-13	Enhanced Education for Abrupt Cessation of Smoking	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 409-A-13	Banning Marketing and Sale of High-Energy/Stimulant Drinks to Children/Adolescents Under the Age of 18	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 410-A-13	Physicians and the Public Health Issue of Gun Safety	Adopted as Amended.	A letter has been sent to the Acting U.S. Surgeon General expressing AMA's concern regarding the serious public health consequences of firearm-related injuries and deaths in the U.S. and stating that areas with higher rates of gun ownership have significantly higher rates of homicide. The letter also states that the majority of firearm-related fatalities are suicides. The letter requests that the Surgeon General consider commissioning a report and campaign aimed at reducing firearm-related injuries and deaths in the U.S.
RES 411-A-13	Cheerleading as a Sport	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 412-A-13	Strategies to Increase Diabetes Awareness	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	The AMA is working with health professionals and community organizations in the development of initiatives which address diabetes prevention. Promotion of these initiatives will take place this calendar year at the local (pilot cities) and national levels. Diabetes prevention is a consistent message throughout AMA's Improving Health Outcomes initiative. It has been communicated in various speeches and media interviews.
RES 413-A-13	Health Risks of Sitting	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 414-A-13	Monitoring for Radiation in Seafood	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	A September 2013 FDA update concluded no evidence exists that radionuclides from the Fukushima incident are present in the U.S. food supply at levels that would pose a public health concern. This is true for both FDA-regulated food products imported from Japan and U.S. domestic food products, including seafood caught off the coast of the United States. FDA continues to closely monitor the situation at and around the Fukushima Dai-ichi facility and Import Alert # 99-33, which instructs FDA field personnel to detain food shipments from Japan if the food is likely to contain radionuclide contamination, remains active. In addition, FDA continues to test for radionuclides as part of its routine surveillance.
RES 415-A-13	Prevention of Falls Through Windows	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 416-A-13	Public Education on Distracted Driving	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 417-A-13	Reaffirm Support of the Clean Air Act	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 418-A-13	Proper Pediatric Restraints Available on Airline Transportation	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 419-A-13	Celiac Disease Screening	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 420-A-13	Recognition of Obesity as a Disease	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 422-A-13	Adolescent Pregnancy and Non-Graduation from High School	Substitute Resolution 422 Adopted.	Information was included in the AMA Wire article Oct. 9, 2013: "Poverty-pregnancy message important one for teens," also a link was provided to the American Academy of Pediatrics website with a collection of publications that can help physicians engage with their patients about teen pregnancy.
RES 423-A-13	Addressing Violence Prevention	Policies H-515.966 and H-515.982 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 423.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 501-A-13	Radiation Exposure Registry	Current Policy Reaffirmed.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 502-A-13	Accounting for Socioeconomic Status in Clinical and Public Health Research	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 503-A-13	Support for Medicaid Reimbursement of Neonatal Male Circumcision	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 504-A-13	Skin Cancer Surveillance Through Lay Professional Education	Substitute Resolution 504 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 504.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 505-A-13	Medical Exemptions from Vaccines	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 506-A-13	Immunization Exemptions	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	A joint Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs – Council on Science and Public Health report on this topic will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 507-A-13	Over-the-Counter Access to Oral Contraceptives	Substitute Resolution 507 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 507.	A letter has been sent to the Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. FDA, asking the FDA to encourage manufacturers of oral contraceptive products to submit the required application containing data demonstrating consumer use safety (without health care provider intervention), as well as supporting evidence, so that the FDA could consider switching status from prescription to OTC for such products.
RES 508-A-13	To Address National Shortages of Anti-Tuberculosis Medications	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 8-A-13.
RES 509-A-13	Increase Awareness of Haptention and Hypersensitivity Disorders	Referred for Decision.	<p>The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 509-A-13 which asked that our AMA use its communication vehicles to: (1) make physicians aware of the processes of haptention and sensitization and their multiple ramifications; (2) help physicians teach patients methods to avoid exposure to haptens; (3) help physicians include chemical sensitivity in the differential diagnosis; and (4) help physicians take a history focused on exposures to toxins and symptoms related to known toxins and testing. It was noted that implementation of the resolution or further investigation of the evidence of CS is not aligned with the AMA's strategic priorities. Advocacy groups, such as the MCS-America, are currently working to increase CS awareness among patients and physicians.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 509-A-13 not be adopted.</p>
RES 510-A-13	Addressing Drug Shortages	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 8-A-13.

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RES 511-A-13	Genetic Information Non-Discrimination in Insurance Coverage	Recommendations CSAPH Report 07 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 511, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 07-A-13.
RES 512-A-13	Cannabis Decriminalization, Regulation, and Taxation	Referred.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 513-A-13	Medication Collection “Take Back” Programs	Referred for Decision.	<p>The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 513-A-13 which asked that our AMA support medication collection or “take back” programs, funded in whole or part by the pharmaceutical industry, that help keep unused medications out of the environment and out of the hands of potential overdose victims or drug abusers. It was noted that AMA Policy H-135.936 supports initiatives designed to promote and facilitate the safe and appropriate disposal of unused medications.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 513-A-13 not be adopted.</p>
RES 514-A-13	Blood Donor Deferral Criteria	Substitute Resolution 514 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 514. Policies H-50.974 and D-50.997 Rescinded.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 515-A-13	Targeted Tuberculosis Testing of School Children	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 516-A-13	Early Treatment and Partner Services for HIV	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 517-A-13	Declining Availability of Inexpensive Generic Medications	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 08 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 508, 510 and 517, Remainder of Report Filed.	See CSAPH Report 8-A-13.
RES 518-A-13	FDA Recommendation on Scheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products	Substitute Resolution 518 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 518.	Our AMA submitted a letter to the FDA which was posted on the government’s regulations website urging that these drugs remain on Schedule III. Our AMA also wrote to the DEA about this issue, and has engaged in advocacy efforts with Members of Congress as well, due to legislative proposals to reschedule these drugs.
RES 519-A-13	Genome Analysis and Variant Identification	Adopted as Amended.	The AMA has been a vocal supporter of efforts to improve data sharing among laboratories, payers, regulators, and providers. The AMA and its collaborators, through coalition and advocacy work, have regularly engaged stakeholders in conversations about the importance of sharing genomic variant data along with associate clinical data that has been de-identified. As part of the Free the Data initiative, the AMA will continue to urge the placement of genomic data in publicly accessible databases that all researchers and health professionals can access.

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RES 520-A-13	Updating AMA Policy on Biosimilars	Substitute Resolution 520 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 520.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 522-A-13	The Next Transformative Project: In Support of the BRAIN Initiative	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 601-A-13	Advanced Directives Counseling and Physician Billing for Involved Services	Not Adopted.	
RES 602-A-13	Mock Residency Interview Program	Adopted.	The expanded, pilot Mock Residency Interview Program was implemented in October as a benefit of membership to the IMG Audience. There have been 75 interview requests. Mock interviews will be available at the AMA Symposium on December 12, 2013.
RES 603-A-13	Potential Conflicts of Dates if the AMA Interim Meetings are Combined with the National Advocacy Conference and National Specialty Annual Meetings	Referred for Decision.	<p>The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 603-A-13 which asked that our AMA conduct a survey to ascertain the dates of the future national specialty meetings; and make every effort to avoid future conflicting dates. Resolution 604 asked that our AMA conduct another survey to ascertain the future conflicts of the Interim Meeting and Specialty Societies Annual Meetings; and make every effort to avoid future conflicting dates. Both resolutions were affected by the adoption of Board of Trustees Report 30-A-13, "Future of the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates," which retained both the Annual and Interim Meetings. As the goals of both resolutions are in line with current procedures, neither resolution need be adopted.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolutions 603 and 604-A-13 not be adopted.</p>
RES 604-A-13	Conflict in Dates Between AMA Interim Meetings and Specialty Annual Meetings	Referred for Decision.	See Resolution 603-A-13.
RES 605-A-13	Revision of the AMA Current Procedural Terminology to Reflect EHR/EMR Documentation and Work Processes	Not Adopted.	
RES 606-A-13	AMA to Develop Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Candidates	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee F)

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RES 608-A-13	Presidential Medal of Freedom	Referred for Decision.	<p>The Board considered a report in response to Resolution 608-A-13 which asked that our AMA write a letter of support to President Obama on behalf of Dr R Adams Cowley to posthumously receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. It was noted that to the extent that such endorsements would require action by the Board through the Awards and Nominations Committee or by staff in vetting the nominee, such requests are a distraction from the AMA's strategic plan, particularly as we seek opportunities to promote our three strategic focus areas with policymakers.</p> <p>The Board VOTED that Resolution 608-A-13 not be adopted.</p>
RES 609-A-13	Real Primary Prevention as a New Face of Our AMA	Adopted as Amended.	Board of Trustees Report 9 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2013 Interim Meeting. (Informational)
RES 610-A-13	Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act for Improved Access to Medical Research	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 701-A-13	Implementation and Funding of Childcare Services for Patients	Not Adopted.	
RES 702-A-13	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Accountable Care Organizations, Public Health and Organized Medicine	Resolution 702 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 703.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 703-A-13	Population Based Practices in Accountable Care Organizations	Resolution 702 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 703.	See Resolution 702-A-13.
RES 704-A-13	Guidelines for Mobile Medical Applications and Devices	Adopted.	A Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 705-A-13	Enhancing Accommodations for People with Disabilities	Substitute Resolution 705 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 706-A-13	Government Interference in the Practice of Medicine	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 707-A-13	Pediatric Medical Orders Between States	Referred.	A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 708-A-13	Mental Health Services for School-Aged Children	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

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RES 709-A-13	Improving Access to Physicians with the Special Skills Required in Geriatric Care	Adopted.	The AMA has policy that supports increased education in geriatric medicine so as to provide high quality health care for older patients. The AMA will continue to explore, monitor and advocate for policies that enhance geriatric health care on all levels.
RES 710-A-13	Third-Party Payer Policies on Opioid Use Disorder Pharmacotherapy	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 711-A-13	Development of Models/Guidelines for Medical Teams	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.
RES 712-A-13	Patient Access to Independent Appeal and Grievance Procedures	Adopted as Amended.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 713-A-13	Value of Group Medical Appointments	Adopted.	The Aug. 8 edition of AMA Morning Rounds contained a story about how "group medical appointments may be effective cost-savers." The story noted the benefit for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.
RES 714-A-13	Mandating E-Prescribing	Adopted.	Our AMA continues to work aggressively for EHRs which work well for physicians as well as advocating for technology that addresses physician concerns, such as ePrescribing challenges related controlled substances.
RES 715-A-13	Utilization of EMR and the Practice of "Cutting and Pasting" or Cloning	Substitute Resolution 715 Adopted.	Our AMA has worked aggressively to disabuse the Administration of the notion that physician are using EHRs to fraudulently upcode and that there are a variety of other reasons why costs may be increasing. Our AMA has been leading the charge in advocating for EHRs that work better for physicians and that physicians do not control the design of EHRs. Our AMA is also discussing with EHR vendors how to make products more usable outside of the Meaningful Use certification process.
RES 716-A-13	Criminalization of Good Faith Errors	Substitute Resolution 716 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 717-A-13	Government Interference in the Patient-Physician Relationship	Adopted.	Our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties to oppose any government regulation or legislation on the content of the individual clinical encounter between a patient and a physician without a compelling and evidence-based benefit to the patient, a substantial public health justification, or both. Moreover, our AMA notified the Federation that AMA is committed to working with interested states and specialties to educate lawmakers and industry experts on principles endorsed by the American College of Physicians.
RES 718-A-13	Health Literacy in Healthcare Institutions	Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.

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RES 719-A-13	Prescription Management - Changing the Renewal Length to Improve Practice Efficiency and Quality of Care	Substitute Resolution 719 Adopted.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 720-A-13	Standards for Electronic Medical Records	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA has been working aggressively to highlight to the Administration, as well as Congress, the impact poorly developed EHRs can have on patient safety. We have recently raised this issue in our response to a report published by several Senators. Further, testimony provided by our AMA before the ONC federal advisory workgroups makes recommendations to HHS on EHRs.
RES 721-A-13	EHR Standardization	Adopted.	Our AMA testified before the ONC federal advisory workgroups that make recommendations to HHS on EHRs. AMA testimony detailed our ideas for creating more standardization among certified products. Our AMA will continue its regulatory and legislative efforts to make EHRs more usable for physicians.
RES 722-A-13	On-Call Coverage Models	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	Work has begun to compile examples of on-call coverage models that do not subject physicians to unrealistic and unduly burdensome demands.
RES 723-A-13	Barriers to Electronic Health Record Connectivity	Substitute Resolution 723 Adopted.	Our AMA testified before the ONC federal advisory workgroups that make recommendations to HHS on EHRs. AMA testimony detailed our ideas for creating more standardization among certified products. Our AMA will continue its regulatory and legislative efforts to make EHRs more usable for physicians.
RES 724-A-13	Defective Electronic Health Records	Policies D-478.995, D-478.996 and H-480.971 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 724.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 725-A-13	Electronic Health Record Penalties: Taxation Without Representation	Policy H-478.991 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 725.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 726-A-13	Physician Participation in Multiple Medicare Accountable Care Organizations	Substitute Resolution 726 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 726 and 733.	Our AMA formed a coalition of specialties seeking changes in CMS' ACO exclusivity policy and developed a list of alternatives to address the problems created by the current policy for long term care and other physicians. Our AMA and other representatives of the group have had multiple communications with high level CMS staff, including several face to face meetings on this issue.
RES 727-A-13	Align the Recognition Periods for the Bridges to Excellence and the National Committee on Quality Assurance Recognition Programs	Adopted.	A letter has been sent to the Executive Director of the Health Care Incentives Improvement Institute requesting that the Bridges to Excellence program align its validation periods with those of the NCQA.
RES 728-A-13	Data Transition Costs When Switching Electronic Medical Records	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
RES 729-A-13	Coordination of Benefits	Policy H-190.969 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Resolution 729.	AMA Policy Database Updated.
RES 730-A-13	Diabetic Documentation Requirements	Adopted as Amended.	The implementation of this resolution is currently under review by the AMA Office of the General Counsel.
RES 731-A-13	Medical Staff-Hospital Compacts	Adopted as Amended.	An AMA statement on medical staff-hospital compacts has been published on the AMA website (www.ama-assn.org/go/compacts) and disseminated via the Organized Medical Staff Section's semi-annual "Chief of Staff Letter" to medical staff leaders at hospitals across the United States.
RES 732-A-13	Errors In Electronic Claims	Adopted.	Our AMA has developed a new Administrative Simplification Initiative Website that will be operational in the Fall of 2013 that contains numerous electronic claims resources, including toolkits on electronic funds transfer and electronic remittance advice.
RES 733-A-13	Physician Participation in Multiple Accountable Care Organizations	Substitute Resolution 726 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 726 and 733.	See RES 726-A-13.