

Follow-Up on Implementation of Resolutions and Report Recommendations AMA House of Delegates Interim Meeting - November 8-11, 2017

Report/Resolution	Title	House Action	Status
BOT Report 05-I-17	Effective Peer Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 5-I-17 Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 06-I-17	Electronically Prescribed Controlled Substances without Added Processes (Res. 216-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 6-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
BOT Report 07-I-17	Medical Reporting for Safety-Sensitive Positions (Res. 14-A-16)	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared of consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
BOT Report 10-I-17	High Cost to Authors for Open Source Peer Reviewed Publications (Res. 604-A-17)	Recommendations in BOT Report 10 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	Recommend to not adopt Resolution 604-A-17. No action necessary.
BOT Report 12-I-17	Specialty Society Representation in the HOD - Five Year Review	Recommendations in BOT Report 12 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	All societies in HOD sent information regarding A-18.
CCB Report 01-I-17	Amended Bylaws – Specialty Society Representation – Five-Year Review	Recommendations in CCB Report 1-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA Bylaws updated.
CEJA Report 01-I-17	Competence, Self-Assessment and Self-Awareness	Referred.	Report 1 of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws). HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 1-A-18 Referred.
CEJA Report 02-I-17	Ethical Physician Conduct in the Media	Recommendations In CEJA Report 2-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Opinion 1 of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Informational). AMA policy database has been updated.

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CEJA Report 03-I-17	Autonomy for Patients with Differences of Sex Development (DSD)	Referred.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 3 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws).
CEJA Report 04-I-17	Mergers of Secular and Religiously Affiliated Health Care Institutions	Referred.	Report 2 of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws). HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 2-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
CLRPD Report 01-I-17	Senior Physicians Section Five-Year Review	Recommendations in CLRPD Report 1-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of the Report Filed.	Senior Physicians Section included as appropriate in activities; no further action required.
CME Report 01-I-17	Promoting and Reaffirming Domestic Medical School Clerkship Education (Res. 308-I-16)	Recommendations in CME Report 1-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	The AAMC, AACOM, and AHME were notified of the HOD action. The House action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via the MedEd Update and an AMA Wire article regarding Recommendation 1(2).
CMS Report 01-I-17	Affordable Care Act Section 1332 Waivers	Recommendations in CMS Report I-I-17, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 02-I-17	Hospital Surveys and Health Care Disparities	Recommendations in CMS Report 2-I-17 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 03-I-17	Non-Physician Screening Tests (Res. 901-I-16)	Recommendations in CMS Report 3-I-17 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CMS Report 04-I-17	Health Insurance Affordability: Essential Health Benefits and Subsidizing the Coverage of High-Risk Patients	Recommendations in CMS Report 4-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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CMS Report 05-I-17	Reaffirmation of AMA Policy Opposing Caps on Federal Medicaid Funding (CMS Report 9-A-17)	Recommendations in CMS Report 5-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CSAPH Report 01-I-17	Universal Color Scheme for Respiratory Inhalers (Res 906-I-16)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 1-I-17 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CSAPH Report 02-I-17	Targeted Education to Increase Organ Donation	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 2-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CSAPH Report 03-I-17	Neuropathic Pain as a Disease (Res. 912-I-16)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 3-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Board Chair has been identified and invitations were extended to Federation members to comprise the Task Force. Pain Care Task Force formed and initial virtual meeting held in August 2018.
CSAPH Report 04-I-17	National Drug Shortages: Update	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 4-I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
CSAPH Report 05-I-17	Clinical Implications and Policy Considerations of Cannabis Use (Res 907-I-16)	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 5-I-17 Adopted as Amended in lieu of Resolution 915, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
HOD Comp Cmte Report	Report of the House of Delegates Committee on Compensation of the Officers	Recommendations in HOD Comp Committee Report I-17 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.	Filed.
Joint CMS/CSAPH Rep	Payment and Coverage for Genetic/Genomic Precision Medicine	Recommendations in Joint CMS/CSAPH Report 1-I-17 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 001-I-17	Disaggregation of Demographic Data Within Ethnic Groups	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 002-I-17	Intimate Partner Violence Policy and Immigration	Adopted.	The subject of Resolution 002-I-17 was addressed in AMA Wire on April 20, 2018 (https://wire.ama-assn.org/ama-news/mandated-reporting-laws-may-deter-immigrants-seeking-care).
RES 003-I-17	Revision of AMA Policy Regarding Individuals Who Exchange Sex for Money or Goods	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 004-I-17	Tissue Handling	Adopted.	Our AMA notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work in coordination with any interested parties to strongly oppose any proposed laws or regulations that would require the handling of fetal tissue obtained during the termination of a pregnancy differently than other tissues obtained during a medical procedure.
RES 005-I-17	Protection of Physician Freedom of Speech	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 006-I-17	Physicians' Freedom of Speech	Referred.	A Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Report 5 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws)
RES 007-I-17	Political Interference in the Patient-Physician Relationship	Substitute Resolution 007 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 007, with Change in Title.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 201-I-17	Improving FDA Expedited Approval Pathways	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 2 on this subject appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K)

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RES 202-I-17	Sexual Assault Survivors' Rights	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work in coordination with any interested parties and advocate for the legal protection of sexual assault survivors' rights and work with state medical societies to ensure that each state implements these rights, which include but are not limited to, the right to: (1) receive a medical forensic examination free of charge, which includes but is not limited to HIV/STD testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, treatment of injuries, and collection of forensic evidence; (2) preservation of a sexual assault evidence collection kit for at least the maximum applicable statute of limitation; (3) notification of any intended disposal of a sexual assault evidence kit with the opportunity to be granted further preservation; (4) be informed of these rights and the policies governing the sexual assault evidence kit; and (5) access to emergency contraception information and treatment for pregnancy prevention. Department of Justice is hosting listening sessions prior to establishing the Working Group referred to in the Resolution.
RES 203-I-17	Bidirectional Communication for EHR Software and Pharmacies	Resolution 203 and 205 Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee B). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 14-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 204-I-17	EHR Vendors Responsible for Health Information Technolog	Adopted as Amended.	Our AMA was successful in delaying CMS requirements that would have required physicians to adopt or upgrade their EHRs to the new 2015 Edition version. For the 2017 QPP and Meaningful Use reporting year, our AMA identified there was not a sufficient choice of EHR products that would have met the 2015 Edition certification standard. Furthermore, our AMA continues to advocate that CMS should allow physicians to continue to use the 2014 Edition, or a combination of technology, until it confirms that the 2015 Edition is readily available and equipped to facilitate physician reporting on all MIPS measures. CMS' Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) final rule requires hospitals to adopt and use 2015 Edition in 2019. CMS has proposed the same requirement for physicians under the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Our AMA is advocating that CMS provide physicians a hardship exception for the Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program if there is a lack of availability or lack of vendor readiness to provide 2015 Edition EHRs. Our AMA is also seeking a minimum 90-day reporting period for the Quality component of MIPS to accommodate issues that may arise during the transition between 2014 and 2015 Edition EHRs in 2019.
RES 205-I-17	Health Plan, Pharmacy, Electronic Health Records Integration	Resolution 203 and 205 Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee B). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 14-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.

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RES 206-I-17	Defending Federal Child Nutrition Programs	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 207-I-17	Redistribution of Unused Prescription Drugs to Pharmaceutical Donation and Reuse Programs	Referred with Report back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Report 3 of the Council on Science and Public Health appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee E). HOD Action: Recommendations in CSAPH Report 03-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 208-I-17	Increased Use of Body-Worn Cameras by Law Enforcement Officers	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 209-I-17	Government Mandated Sequester	Adopted as Amended.	Despite the opposition of our AMA, numerous physician organizations and other Medicare providers, the Medicare sequester was extended for an additional two years (2026 and 2027) as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.
RES 211-I-17	Exclusive State Control of Methadone Clinics	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Board of Trustees Report 5 on this subject appears in the Delegates handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee B)
RES 213-I-17	Barriers to Price Transparency	Policy D-155.987 Reaffirmed In Lieu of the First Resolve. Policies H-155.958 and H-380.994 Reaffirmed In Lieu of the Second Resolve. Third Resolve Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 14 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee B). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 14-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 214-I-17	APRN Compact	Adopted as Amended.	Board of Trustees Report 44 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee B). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 44-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 215-I-17	Relieve Burden for Living Organ Donors	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 216-I-17	Relationship with US Department of Health and Human Services	Adopted.	Our AMA continues to aggressively pursue a thoughtful strategy to engage key officials throughout the Department of Health and Human Services to advance policies on behalf of physicians and their patients. Our AMA has a proven track record of securing positive changes with the Executive Branch.
RES 217-I-17	Regulations Regarding Medical Tool and Instrument Repair	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 218-I-17	Health Information Technology Principles	Referred.	Board of Trustees Report 19 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee B). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 19-A-17 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 220-I-17	Preserving Protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990	Adopted with Addition of Third Resolve. Policy H-90.971 Reaffirmed in Lieu of Second Resolve.	Our AMA created an educational guide that provides information about regulations that set standards for health care practices in ensuring accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The guide also outlines tactics for physicians to put in place to ensure their practices are in compliance with standards set by the ADA and other related laws. In addition, the guide provides links to external resources that offer additional valuable content for physicians and practice managers. The guide is planned for online publication in Q2 2018. The AMA published the guide “Access to care for patients with disabilities: Strategies for ensuring a safe, accessible and ADA compliant practice” in May 2018.
RES 222-I-17	The Clinical Use of a Home Sleep Apnea Test	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 223-I-17	Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Correctional Facilities	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 224-I-17	Modernizing Privacy Regulations for Addiction Treatment Records	Adopted as Amended.	<p>At this writing, several proposals are pending before Congress that would increase access by health care professionals to substance use disorder treatment records for the purpose of informing treatment decisions and improving coordination of care.</p> <p>The House of Representatives passed HR 6082 which would remove patient consent for Part 2 information for purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations and replace it with notification requirements as required for non-Part 2 data under HIPAA. Our AMA did not support this approach as it failed to adequately preserve patient privacy protections. Our AMA did support provisions that were enacted as part of comprehensive substance use disorder legislation, H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, which: require HHS to develop best practices for prominently displaying substance use disorder treatment information in electronic medical records when requested by the patient; require the Secretary to notify providers annually regarding sharing of certain health information with family members, caregivers, and health care providers during an emergency such as an overdose; and require HHS to identify model programs and materials to better train and educate providers, patients, and families regarding the permitted uses and disclosures or patient records related to treatment for substance use disorders. Then AMA will work with interested parties to further explore appropriate reforms to better ensure that health care providers have access to necessary information to treat patients with substance use disorders.</p>
RES 225-I-17	Oppose Inclusion of Medicare Part B Drugs in QPP/MIPS Payment Adjustment	Adopted.	<p>Following consultation with the Administration and a number of impacted specialties, our AMA advocated to Congress that Medicare Part B drugs should be excluded from QPP/MIPS payment adjustments. This was accomplished as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.</p>
RES 226-I-17	Prescription Drug Importation for Personal Use	Referred.	<p>A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Service Report 1 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)</p>
RES 227-I-17	Communication and Resolution Program	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work in coordination with any interested parties to support early Communication and Resolution Programs as a viable option to settle disputes, prior to litigation.</p>
RES 229-I-17	Opposition to Licensing for Individuals Holding the Degree of Doctor of Medical Science	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work in coordination with any interested parties to oppose the holders of the degree of Doctor of Medical Science from being recognized as a new category of health care practitioners licensed for the independent practice of medicine, and specifically, to oppose legislation to create a Doctor of Medical Science license.</p>

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RES 230-I-17	Oppose Physician Assistant Independent Practice	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 231-I-17	Electronic Prescription Cancellation	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 232-I-17	Presence and Enforcement Actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Healthcare	Adopted.	<p>The “Protecting Sensitive Locations Act” (S. 845/H.R. 1815) has been introduced in the current Congress. The bill would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an immigration enforcement action by the DHS or an individual designated to perform immigration enforcement functions generally may not take place at a sensitive location. The legislation does contain an exemption for exigent circumstances, however. During consideration of this resolution, the HOD specifically rejected support for an exception for exigent circumstances. Therefore our AMA has not expressed support for the legislation.</p> <p>The subject of Resolution 232-I-17 was addressed in AMA Wire on April 25, 2018 (https://wire.ama-assn.org/ama-news/immigration-enforcement-shouldn-t-happen-health-facilities)</p>
RES 233-I-17	Evaluating Actions by Pharmacy Benefit Manager and Payer Policies on Patient Care	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	<p>Board of Trustees Report 17 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee B).</p> <p>HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 17-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.</p>
RES 234-I-17	Health Insurance Company Purchase by Pharmacy Chains	Referred for Decision.	<p>Resolution 234-I-17, submitted by New York, called for our AMA to object to any purchase of a health insurance plan by any drug store or pharmacy, was referred to our AMA Board of Trustees for decision. The Board considered a report from management at its 2018 April Board Meeting and VOTED that in lieu of, Resolution 234-I-17, our AMA: (1) continue to analyze and identify the ramifications of the proposed CVS/Aetna or other similar merger in health insurance, pharmacy benefit manager (PBM), and retail pharmacy markets and what effects that these ramifications may have on physician practices and on patient care; (2) continue to convene and activate its AMA-state medical association and national medical specialty society coalition to coordinate CVS/Aetna-related advocacy activity; (3) communicate our AMA’s concerns via written statements and testimony (if applicable) to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), state attorneys general and departments of insurance; (4) work to secure state level hearings on the merger; and (5) identify and work with national antitrust and other legal and industry experts and allies.</p>

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RES 235-I-17	AMA Advocay Efforts for Emergency Medicaid Funding and Assistance - Puerto Rico	Adopted as Amended, with Change in Title.	Our AMA advocated for increased Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as part of supplemental funding legislation to provide relief to hurricane victims. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 provided an additional \$4.8 billion in federal Medicaid spending for Puerto Rico and an additional \$143 million for the U.S. Virgin Islands through September 30, 2019. Additionally, the legislation established a temporary 100-percent federal matching rate. Our AMA was successful in urging CMS to grant hardship exceptions to MIPS-eligible physicians in areas impacted by hurricanes and wildfires.
RES 236-I-17	Preserving Tax Deductibility of Student Loan Interest Payments and High Medical Expenses	Adopted as Amended.	During consideration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, our AMA advocated against provisions included in the House bill that would have eliminated deductions for student loan interest payments and high medical expenses. The final bill signed into law retained the deductibility of student loan interest payments and high medical expenses as well as reducing the threshold for the deductibility of high medical expenses to the pre-ACA level of 7.5 percent for two years.
RES 237-I-17	Implementation of Score Assessment for Cost Under MACRA MIPS	Referred for Decision.	Resolution 237-I-17, submitted by the American Academy of Neurology, American College of Cardiology, American College of Rheumatology, American Society of Echocardiology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, The Heart Rhythm Society, Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention called for our AMA to: (1) work with CMS to ensure sound methodologies for risk adjustment for physicians with patient populations at risk for high resource use; and (2) lobby the Congress and the federal government to expedite development of an equitable, validated patient-specific risk adjustment mechanism and not include a cost score in the Merit Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) until such time as it can be developed, was referred to our AMA Board of Trustees for decision. The Board of Trustees considered a report from management at its February 2018 meeting and VOTED in lieu of Resolution 237-I-17 to: reaffirm existing policies H-390.837—MACRA and the Independent Practice of Medicine, H-140.872—Physician Pay-for-Performance Programs, and H-390.849—Physician Payment Reform.
RES 601-I-17	Physician Burnout and Wellness Challenges	Resolutions 601, 604 and 605 Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Board of Trustees Report 31 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee G). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 31-A-18 Referred.
RES 604-I-17	Physician and Physician Assistant Safety Net	Resolutions 601, 604 and 605 Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Board of Trustees Report 31 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee G). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 31-A-18 Referred.

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RES 605-I-17	Identification and Reduction of Physician Demoralization	Resolutions 601, 604 and 605 Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Board of Trustees Report 31 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee G). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 31-A-18 Referred.
RES 801-I-17	Chronic Care Management Payment for Patients Also on Home Health	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 802-I-17	Opposition to Medicaid Work Requirements	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 803-I-17	Air Ambulance Regulations and Reimbursements	Adopted.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 2 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)
RES 805-I-17	A Dual System for Universal Health Care in the United States	Policies H-165.838 and H-165.920 Reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 805.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 806-I-17	Mandate Transparency by Pharmacy Benefit Managers	Substitute Resolution 806 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 806, 810, and 823.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Further, our AMA continues its efforts with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in addressing the development and management of pharmacy benefits. Further, our AMA Council on Legislation developed and our AMA Board of Trustees approved model state legislation on the development and management of pharmacy benefits specifically prohibiting “clawbacks” and standard gag clauses in pharmacy-PBM contracts that bar pharmacists from telling consumers about less-expensive options (e.g. not using insurance). Board of Trustees Report 6 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Informational)
RES 808-I-17	Opposition to Reduced Payment for the 25 Modifier	Substitute Resolution 808 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 808.	Following two in-person meetings with our AMA, Anthem announced in February 2018 that it would not implement its planned Modifier 25 payment reduction policy. We continue to offer resources, advice, and support to state medical associations and national medical specialty societies advocating against similar Modifier 25 payment reduction policies implemented by local/regional health plans.
RES 809-I-17	Expansion of Network Adequacy Policy	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 810-I-17	Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Prescription Drug Affordability	Substitute Resolution 806 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 806, 810, and 823.	See Resolution 806-I-17.
RES 811-I-17	Update OBRA Nursing Facility Preadmission Screening Requirements	Adopted.	There are no bills introduced in the current Congress that would revise the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Programs requirement for nursing facility placement. Our AMA continues to seek opportunities to revise these requirements to provide more consistent enactment among states and to allow more reasonable and cost-effective approaches to the mandatory screening process.
RES 812-I-17	Medicare Coverage of Services Provided by Proctored Medical Students	Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Board of Trustees Report 40 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee A). HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 40-A-18 Adopted, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 813-I-17	Sustain Patient-Centered Medical Home Practices	Referred.	A Council on Medical Service Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Council on Medical Service Report 3 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee J)
RES 814-I-17	Appropriate Reimbursement for Evaluation and Management Services for Patients with Severe Mobility-Related Impairments	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 816-I-17	Social Determinants of Health in Payment Models	Referred.	A Board of Trustees Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. This was addressed in BOT Report 39-A-18. HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 39-A-18 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolutions 711-A-17 and 816-I-17, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 817-I-17	Addressing the Site of Service Differential	Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Council on Medical Service Informational Report 8 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting. (Informational) Council on Medical Service Report 4 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Informational)
RES 818-I-17	On-Call and Emergency Services Pay	Adopted.	Our AMA is revisiting its existing guidance on call coverage and EMTALA with an eye toward how medical staffs can, if they so choose, advocate for and implement models that compensate physicians for these services. Revised guidance is expected by the end of the year.

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RES 819-I-17	Consultation Codes and Private Payers	Adopted.	As a result of AMA and Federation advocacy efforts, United Healthcare indefinitely delayed its planned implementation of a policy to discontinue payment for consultation codes and instead pay for these services using an evaluation and management procedure code.
RES 820-I-17	Elimination of the Laboratory 14-Day Rule Under Medicare	Adopted.	Due to AMA advocacy, Medicare finalized a proposal in December 2017 that changes the date of service policy and unbundles molecular testing from the from the OPSS packaging policy. Our AMA supported this proposal in our comments to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule.
RES 822-I-17	Elimination of All Cost-Sharing for Screening Colonoscopies	Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	A joint Council on Medical Service and Council on Science and Public Health Report on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee A). HOD Action: Recommendations in Joint CMS/CSAPH Report 1-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.
RES 823-I-17	Unconscionable Generic Drug Pricing	Substitute Resolution 806 Adopted in Lieu of Resolutions 806, 810, and 823.	See Resolution 806-I-17.
RES 824-I-17	Payment for Dementia Treatment in Hospitals and Other Psychiatric Facilities	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 825-I-17	Support for VA Health Services for Women Veterans	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 826-I-17	Improving Affordability of Insulin	Referred with Report Back at the 2018 Annual Meeting.	Council on Medical Service Report 7 on this subject appears in the Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Annual Meeting (Reference Committee A). HOD Action: Recommendations in CMS Report 7-A-18 Adopted as Amended, Remainder of Report Filed.

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RES 827-I-17	Hospital Accreditation Programs and Medical Staffs	Adopted.	Our AMA continues its close engagement with The Joint Commission, of which the AMA is a Corporate Member. Additionally, as a starting point, our AMA is examining the current medical staff-related hospital accreditation standards of lesser-known organizations, such as DNV GL Healthcare, to determine whether these standards reflect our AMA's vision of the role of the medical staff in improving patient care and outcomes. Additionally, our AMA is developing a database of physician members interested in the activities of The Joint Commission and other hospital accreditation organizations, with the goal of encouraging more physicians to participate in standards field reviews and otherwise lend the physician voice to the development of accreditation standards.
RES 901-I-17	Harmful Effects of Screen Time in Children	Substitute Resolution Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 901.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 902-I-17	Expanding Expedited Partner Therapy to Treat Trichomoniasis	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 903-I-17	Improving Screening and Treatment Guidelines for Domestic Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and Other Individuals	Adopted as Amended.	A Council on Science and Public Health report on this topic will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting. Council on Science and Public Health Report 1 on this topic appears in the House of Delegates Handbook for the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee K)
RES 904-I-17	Educating Physicians About the Importance of Cervical Cancer Screening for Female-to-Male Transgender Patients	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 905-I-17	Addressing Social Media Usage and its Negative Impacts on Mental Health	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 906-I-17	Opioid Abuse in Breastfeeding Mothers	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA policy database has been updated.

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RES 907-I-17	Addressing Healthcare Needs of Foster Children	Adopted as Amended with Change in Title.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 908-I-17	Updating Energy Policy and Extraction Regulations to Promote Public Health and Sustainability	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 909-I-17	Expanding Naloxone Programs	Adopted as Amended.	The United States Surgeon General issued an advisory on April 5th encouraging expanded use of naloxone -- a move promptly backed by FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, who also announced efforts to move drug makers along the path of seeking approval of over-the-counter versions of the product.
RES 910-I-17	Improving Treatment and Diagnosis of Maternal Depression Through Screening and State-Based Care Coordination	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 911-I-17	State Maternal Mortality Review Committees	Adopted.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 912-I-17	Corrective Statements Ordered to be Published by Tobacco Companies for the Violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act	Adopted as Amended.	<p>Our AMA notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work in coordination with any interested parties to collaborate to help educate the public and policymakers about the tobacco companies' organized conspiracy to commit fraud leading to the federal court verdict finding them in violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) and resulting in the corrective statements as ordered by the US Court of Appeals in United States v. Philip Morris. Our AMA also encouraged state and national medical specialty societies to work with appropriate public health organizations in their states to help identify public policies that may have been directly or indirectly – influenced by tobacco companies or their lobbyists and encourage lawmakers to remediate all such influences, to reject any potential tobacco industry influences in the future, and to formally censure the tobacco companies for their fraudulent and harmful behavior.</p> <p>Media team drafted and released the following press release on November 15, 2017: https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-continues-efforts-prevent-tobacco-use</p>

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RES 913-I-17	Increased Death Rate and Decreased Life Expectancy in the United States	Adopted.	<p>On April 18th, our AMA has urged the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to further investigate the causes of the reversal in decades of increase of life expectancy. We have also urged the CDC to make recommendations on how the U.S. can design multi-disciplinary interventions to reverse the decline in life expectancy. Our AMA also notified all state and national medical specialty societies of its willingness to work in coordination with any interested parties to raise awareness of the new problems of decreasing life expectancy and increasing population death rates as indicators of major public health problems and advocate for local investigation of the causes and remedies for these disturbing problems.</p> <p>Subject was addressed in AMA Wire on April 20, 2018 https://wire.ama-assn.org/ama-news/alarming-drop-life-expectancy-sparks-call-study-action. The media team shared with media the letter from Madara to CDC Director.</p>
RES 914-I-17	Support of Training, Ongoing Education, and Consultation In Order to Reduce the Health Impact of Pediatric Environmental Chemical Exposures	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 915-I-17	Easing Barriers to Medical Research on Marijuana Derivatives	Recommendations in CSAPH Report 5-I-17 Adopted as Amended in lieu of Resolution 915, Remainder of Report Filed.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 916-I-17	Hospital Disaster Plans and Medical Staffs	Adopted as Amended.	AMA policy database has been updated.
RES 952-I-17	Implicit Bias, Diversity and Inclusion in Medical Education and Residency Training	Adopted as Amended.	The AAMC, AACOM, ACGME, and AOA were notified of the HOD action. The House action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via the MedEd Update, an AMA Wire article, and a press release.
RES 953-I-17	Fees for Taking Maintenance of Certification Examination	Policy H-275.924 Amended in Lieu of Resolution 953.	AMA policy database has been updated. Additionally, the ABMS and CMSS were notified of the HOD action.

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RES 954-I-17	Developing Physician Led Public Health/Population Health Capacity in Rural Communities	Adopted as Amended.	<p>A Council on Medical Education Report on this subject will be prepared for consideration by the House of Delegates at the 2018 Interim Meeting.</p> <p>Council on Medical Education Report 3 on this subject will be presented for consideration in the House of Delegates Handbook at the 2018 Interim Meeting. (Reference Committee C)</p>
RES 955-I-17	Minimization of Bias in the Electronic Residency Application Service Residency Application	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The AAMC and ERAS were notified of the HOD action. The House action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via the MedEd Update and an AMA Wire article.</p> <p>The AAMC has posted a statement on “Understanding Unconscious Bias in Residency Recruitment” and referenced it in direct emails to programs, schools, and applicants in support of the ERAS team’s commitment to training and learning; the statement also notes that the AAMC’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion has developed and shared an informative video on unconscious bias in academic medicine.</p>
RES 957-I-17	Standardization of Family Planning Training Opportunities in OB-GYN Residencies	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The ACGME RC for OB-GYN was notified of the HOD action.</p>
RES 958-I-17	Sex and Gender Based Medicine in Clinical Medical Education	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The AAMC, ACGME, LCME, ACCME, COCA, and AHME were notified of the HOD action. The House action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via the MedEd Update, an AMA Wire article, and a press release.</p> <p>Additionally, a comprehensive annotated bibliography related to this topic was developed and is publicly available on the AMA website. A MedEd Update item was also developed to announce the availability of the bibliography and published in the April 2018 issue.</p>
RES 959-I-17	Lifestyle Medicine Education in Medical School Training and Practice	Adopted as Amended.	<p>AMA policy database has been updated. The House action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via the MedEd Update, an AMA Wire article, and a press release.</p>

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RES 960-I-17	Medical Student Involvement and Validation of the Standardized Video Interview Implementation	Adopted as Amended.	<p>The AAMC was notified of the HOD action. The House action was also transmitted to the HOD, AMA members, and interested organizations via the MedEd Update and an AMA Wire article.</p> <p>The Council met with an Emergency Medicine program director during the March 2018 meeting to discuss their experience with implementation of the SVI. An additional discussion with the AAMC is tentatively scheduled for September of 2018. The Council will continue to monitor this issue and will report back to the HOD as necessary.</p>