

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 401
(A-19)

Introduced by: Oregon

Subject: Support the ONE KEY QUESTION® Initiative to Improve the Discussion of Pregnancy Intention, Promote Preventive Reproductive Health Care and Improve Community Health Outcomes by Helping Women Prepare for Healthy Pregnancies and Prevent Unintended Pregnancies

Referred to: Reference Committee D
(_____, Chair)

1 Whereas, Almost half (51%) of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended, which has
2 significant physical and socio-economic consequences for women and their families, with a real
3 cost in lives and public health; and
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5 Whereas, Rates of unintended pregnancies disproportionately impact women of color, women in
6 poverty, and women with less education; and
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8 Whereas, Women with unintended pregnancies are unlikely to have taken folic acid before
9 conceiving and are less likely to receive early prenatal care, thus increasing the risk of babies
10 born with health challenges; and
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12 Whereas, Women need comprehensive information, services and referrals in order to have
13 optimal health, healthy pregnancies, and the best possible birth outcomes; and
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15 Whereas, ONE KEY QUESTION® (OKQ) is an initiative advocating that health care providers
16 ask women at risk of pregnancy, "Would you like to become pregnant in the next year?" as a
17 routine assessment question. Asking this question gives women the opportunity to engage in
18 conversations about their preventive reproductive health care that can result in the uptake of
19 evidence-based contraception and preconception care; and
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21 Whereas, ONE KEY QUESTION® includes four patient response categories (Yes, Unsure, Ok
22 Either Way, No) to ensure the patient's goals for if and when to become pregnant are centered
23 in health care decision making; and
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25 Whereas, Providers want to use OKQ as a routine and proactive intervention to address
26 pregnancy intention with patients and have requested a consistent and efficient way to
27 document care in their electronic health records; therefore be it
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29 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support the use of ONE KEY QUESTION®
30 (OKQ) as part of routine well care and recommend it be built in electronic health records so that
31 providers can document OKQ screening and services provided based on a woman's response.
32 (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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