

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 810
(I-19)

Introduced by: Utah

Subject: Hospital Medical Staff Policy

Referred to: Reference Committee J

Whereas, Hospital medical staff play a critical role in the function and operations of hospitals and in the relationship that physicians have with hospitals; and

Whereas, The core responsibilities of the organized medical staff are the promotion of patient safety and quality of care; and

Whereas, Members of the organized medical staff may choose to act as a group for the purpose of communicating and dealing with the governing board and others with respect to matters that concern the interest of the organized medical staff and its members; and

Whereas, Individual physician involvement in the political process is important to the good of the nation and for wise decision-making regarding healthcare matters; and

Whereas, Hospital medical staff in a nonprofit setting could endanger the nonprofit status through political actions; and

Whereas, The hospital medical staff leadership should be focused on high quality medical care delivery and not be politicized; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support and advocate that hospital medical staff leadership should be fully licensed physicians and that if others are included, they should be non-voting or advisory to the hospital medical staff members (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support and advocate that the decisions made by hospital medical staffs focus on quality patient care, medical staff standards and the operation of the hospital, and that those decisions not engage the medical staff in external political matters (e.g., advanced practice clinician scope of practice expansion, etc.). (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That AMA Policy H-225.993, "Medical Staff Policy Determination," be rescinded. (Rescind HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: not yet determined.

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Medical Staff Policy Determination H-225.993

The AMA believes that only fully licensed physicians on the medical staff should establish overall medical staff standards and policy for quality medical care, where consistent with local, state and federal laws.

Citation: (Res. 115, I-83; Reaffirmed: CLRPD Rep. 1, I-93; Reaffirmed: CMS Rep. 7, A-05; Reaffirmed: CMS Rep. 1, A-15)

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