

**POLICY PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING OF THE
AMA ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION**

RESOLUTIONS

**1. Discharge Summary Reform
Introduced by Doug Morrell, MD**

OMSS Action: Resolution 1 adopted as amended:

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association coordinate with the American Hospital Association with input from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and other professional organizations as appropriate to revive the concise discharge summary that existed prior to electronic medical records for the sake of much improved patient care and safety (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our OMSS Governing Council internally develop a model hospital discharge summary in such a manner as to be concise but informational, include to promote excellent, safe patient care and improve coordinated discharge planning. This model use shall be promoted to our American Medical Association and Federation of Medicine colleagues (Directive to Take Action).

HOD Action: Resolution 1 will be forwarded to the AMA House of Delegates for consideration at a future meeting.

**2. Protecting Healthcare Professionals in Society
Introduced by Matthew Gold, MD**

OMSS Action: Resolution 2 adopted as amended and transmitted to the AMA House of Delegates for consideration at the 2020 Special Meeting:

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association acknowledge and act to reduce the incidence of antagonistic actions against health care professionals outside as well as within the workplace, including physical violence, intimidating actions of word or deed, and cyber-attacks, particularly those which appear motivated simply by their identification as a health care professional (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association educate the general public on the prevalence of violence and personal harassment against health care professionals, outside as well as within the workplace (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association work with all interested stakeholders to improve safety of health care workers including first responders and public health officials and prevent violence to health care professionals (Directive to Take Action).

HOD Action: Resolution 413 be adopted as amended with change in title:

PROTECTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN SOCIETY

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association acknowledge and act to reduce the incidence of antagonistic actions against health care workers including first responders and public health officials, outside as well as within the workplace, including physical violence, intimidating actions of word or deed, and

cyber-attacks, particularly those which appear motivated simply by their identification as a health care professional (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA educate the general public on the prevalence of violence and personal harassment against health care workers including first responders and public health officials, outside as well as within the workplace (Directive to Take Action).

3. Availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Introduced by David Welsh, MD

OMSS Action: Resolution 3 adopted as amended and transmitted to the AMA House of Delegates for consideration at the 2020 Special Meeting:

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association actively supports that physicians and healthcare professionals are empowered to use workplace modifications to continue professional patient care when they determine such action to be appropriate and in the best interest of patient and physician wellbeing. Physicians and healthcare professionals must be permitted to use their professional judgement and augment institution-provided PPE with additional, appropriately decontaminated, personally-provided PPE without penalty (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association affirms that the medical staff of each healthcare institution should be integrally involved in disaster planning, strategy and tactical management of ongoing crises (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support a physician's right to participate in public commentary addressing the adequacy of clinical resources and/or health and environmental safety conditions necessary to provide appropriate and safe care of patients and physicians during a pandemic or natural disaster (Directive to Take Action).

HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 412 adopted in lieu of Resolution 412:

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association affirm that the medical staff of each health care institution should be integrally involved in disaster planning, strategy and tactical management of ongoing crises (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support evidence-based standards and national guidelines for PPE use, reuse, and appropriate cleaning/decontamination during surge conditions (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate that it is the responsibility of health care facilities to provide sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for all employees and staff in the event of a pandemic, natural disaster, or other surge in patient volume or PPE need (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support physicians and health care professionals in being permitted to use their professional judgement and augment institution-provided PPE with additional, appropriately decontaminated, personally-provided person protective equipment (PPE) without penalty (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support a physician's right to participate in public commentary addressing the adequacy of clinical resources and/or health and environmental safety conditions necessary to provide appropriate and safe care of patients and physicians during a pandemic or natural disaster (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response to gain an understanding of the PPE supply chain and ensure the adequacy of the Strategic National Stockpile for public health emergencies. (Directive to Take Action)

4. Crisis Payment Reform Advocacy Introduced by the OMSS Governing Council

OMSS Action: **Resolution 4 adopted as amended and transmitted to the AMA House of Delegates for consideration at the 2020 Special Meeting:**

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association promote awareness of the loss of physician medical practices due to COVID-19 that will disrupt healthcare availability to many patients (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA: (1) promote reform in our healthcare payment system that supports and sustains physician medical practices not only under routine circumstances but also in an extended crisis situation such as COVID-19; (2) advocate for, as a priority directive, a blueprint for action along those lines to the newly installed Presidential administration and Congress in early 2021 and beyond; and (3) monitor and aim to improve, along with other stakeholders, any new healthcare initiative(s) in a contemporaneously effective manner. (Directive to Take Action)

HOD Action: **Alternate 218 adopted as amended by addition and deletion:**

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association continue to promote national awareness of the loss of physician medical practices and patient access to care due to COVID-19, and continue to advocate for reforms that support and sustain physician medical practices. (Directive to Take Action)

ACTIONS ON OMSS GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORTS

The following reports were presented by David Welsh, MD, Chair:

Report A: OMSS Handbook Review – House of Delegates Resolutions & Reports

Refer to [*annotated House of Delegates reference committee reports*](#) for final adopted language.

1. CEJA Report 1 – Amendment to Opinion 1.2.2, “Disruptive Behavior and Discrimination by Patients”

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CEJA Report 1.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 1 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

2. CEJA Report 2 – Amendment to Opinion 8.1, “Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians”

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CEJA Report 2.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CEJA Report 2 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

3. Resolution 007 – Access to Confidential Health Care Services for Physicians and Trainees

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of Resolution 007.

HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 007 adopted in lieu of Resolution 007.

4. CMS Report 6 – Value-Based Management of Drug Formularies

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CMS Report 6.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CMS Report 6 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

5. Resolution 106 – Bundling Physician Fees with Hospital Fees

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of Resolution 106.

HOD Action: Resolution 106 was deemed to have not met the urgency/priority threshold for consideration at this meeting, was not extracted and was not considered by the HOD.

6. BOT Report 6 – Covenants Not to Compete

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of BOT Report 6.

HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 6 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

7. Resolution 205 – Telehealth Post SARS-COV-2

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of Resolution 205.

HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 203 adopted in lieu of Resolutions 203 and 205.

8. Resolution 207 – AMA Position on All Payer Database Creation

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of Resolution 207.

HOD Action: Resolution 207 was deemed to have not met the urgency/priority threshold for consideration at this meeting, was not extracted and was not considered by the HOD.

9. CME Report 1 – An Update on Continuing Board Certification

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CME Report 1.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CME Report 1 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

10. CME Report 3 – Protection of Resident and Fellow Training in the Case of Hospital or Training Program Closure

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CME Report 3.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CME Report 3 adopted as amended and the remainder of the report filed.

11. Resolution 307 – USMLE Step Examination Failures During the COVID-19 Pandemic

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to listen on Resolution 307.

HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 307 adopted in lieu of Resolution 307.

12. BOT Report 9 – Bullying in the Practice of Medicine

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of BOT Report 9.

HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 9 adopted as amended and the remainder of the report filed.

13. Resolution 406 – Face Masking in Hospitals During Flu Season

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to listen on Resolution 406.

HOD Action: Alternate Resolution 406 adopted in lieu of Resolution 406.

14. CSAPH Report 1 – Drug Shortages: 2020 Update

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CSAPH Report 1.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CSAPH Report 1 be adopted as amended and the remainder of the report filed.

15. Resolution 509 – Hydroxychloroquine and Combination Therapies – Off-Label Use

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of Resolution 509.

HOD Action: Resolution 509 not adopted and Policy H-120.988 reaffirmed.

16. CLRPD Report 2 – Organized Medical Staff Section Five-Year Review

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CLRPD Report 2.

HOD Action: Recommendation in CLRPD Report 2 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

17. CLRPD Report 3 – Establishment of a Private Practice Physicians Section

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CLRPD Report 3.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CLRPD Report 3 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

18. CMS Report 4 – Economic Discrimination in the Hospital Practice Setting

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of CMS Report 4.

HOD Action: Recommendations in CMS Report 4 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.

19. Resolution 702 – Eliminating Claims Data for Measuring Physician and Hospital Quality

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of Resolve 1 in Resolution 702 and listen on Resolve 2 in Resolution 702.

HOD Action: Resolution 702 was deemed to have not met the urgency/priority threshold for consideration at this meeting, was not extracted and was not considered by the HOD.

20. Resolution 704 – Government Imposed Volume Requirements for Credentialing

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to amend Resolution 704 by addition.

HOD Action: Resolution 704 was deemed to have not met the urgency/priority threshold for consideration at this meeting, was not extracted and was not considered by the HOD.

21. Resolution 710 – A Resolution to Amend the AMA’s Physician and Medical Staff Bill of Rights

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to seek referral for Resolution 710.

HOD Action: Resolution 710 referred.

**Report AA: OMSS Position on Board of Trustees Report 17:
Hospital Website Voluntary Physician Inclusion**

OMSS Action: OMSS Delegate instructed to support the intent of BOT Report 17.

HOD Action: Recommendations in BOT Report 17 adopted and the remainder of the report filed.
