Whereas, In October 2020, at least 57 women in a Georgia Immigration and Customs
Enforcement detention center said they were forced or pressured into having gynecological
procedures; and

Whereas, Women stated they were threatened with retaliation if they pushed back on
recommended procedures, even in cases where their original complaints were non-
gynecological; and

Whereas, As of December 2020, 40 more women had submitted claims of abuse and unwanted
invasive medical procedures; and

Whereas, There has been no follow up since it was first reported in 2020 and since the
members of Congress asked for it to be further investigated in 2021; and

Whereas, It is important that the AMA recognize these atrocious crimes and stand firmly against
them; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association condemn the performance of
nonconsensual, unnecessary, invasive medical procedures (Directive to Take Action); and

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate against forced sterilizations of any kind, including against
migrant women in detention facilities, and advocate for appropriate associated disciplinary
action (including license revocation) (Directive to Take Action); and

RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for safer medical practices and protections for migrant
women. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Care of Women and Children in Family Immigration Detention H-350.955
1. Our AMA recognizes the negative health consequences of the detention of families seeking safe haven.
2. Due to the negative health consequences of detention, our AMA opposes the expansion of family immigration detention in the United States.
3. Our AMA opposes the separation of parents from their children who are detained while seeking safe haven.
4. Our AMA will advocate for access to health care for women and children in immigration detention.
5. Our AMA will advocate for the preferential use of alternatives to detention programs that respect the human dignity of immigrants, migrants, and asylum seekers who are in the custody of federal agencies.
Citation: Res. 002, A-17; Appended: Res. 218, A-21