

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED MEDICAL STAFF SECTION (A-25)

Report of the Committee on Late Resolutions

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1 Doctor Chair, Members of the Assembly:
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3 The Committee on Late Resolutions met Saturday, May 31, to discuss Late Resolution 1
4 – Safeguarding Medical Staff Bylaws and Accreditation Standards in VA Facilities. A
5 two-thirds vote of the Assembly is required for acceptance of any late resolutions as
6 official business of the Assembly.
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8 Your Committee heard testimony regarding Late Resolution 1 and pertaining to action
9 allegedly taken by the administration of a Veterans Affairs hospital in California that
10 resulted in the medical staff bylaws being rewritten without consultation with the medical
11 staff, a violation of both AMA policy and The Joint Commission standards for
12 accreditation. Because the AMA believes deeply that physician leadership and
13 collaboration is core to the operation of a successful healthcare facility, the Committee
14 agreed that Late Resolution 1 meets the standard of an emergent issue that is due for
15 immediate consideration at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
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17 The Committee is also aware that Late Resolution 1, which was inspired by action
18 occurring at a Veterans Affairs hospital in California, was not submitted to the OMSS by
19 its May 12 deadline because the members of the medical staff were not fully aware of
20 the changes made or the options to seek redress until after the submission deadline.
21 Members first reached out to OMSS officials on May 15. The Committee believes such a
22 timeline adequately explains why the resolution was not submitted during the standard
23 time window.
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25 The Committee thus recommends to the Assembly that Late Resolution 1 be accepted
26 as an item of business at the 2025 Annual OMSS Business Meeting.