

# SUNSETTING POLICIES AND SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION 2017 KMA ANNUAL MEETING



## **ALCOHOL (Res 2007-31, 2007, HOD, p 665)**

- Current Policy:  
**Ban on Promotion in Colleges:** KMA supports a ban on promotion of alcoholic beverages on all Kentucky college and university campuses including sponsorship of athletic events, music concerts, cultural events, and parties, and advertising products or logos in school publications.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

## **ANESTHESIA (Res 97-110, 1997 HOD, p 558; Reaffirmed 2007)**

- Current Policy:  
**Administration of Anesthesia:** KMA holds that the administration of anesthesia is the practice of medicine in the state of Kentucky, and it is highly desirable that whenever and wherever possible epidural, spinal, and general anesthesia should be administered by, or directed by, an appropriately trained physician.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

## **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT (Res 97-131, 1997 HOD, p 564; Reaffirmed 2007)**

- Current Policy:  
**Physician Participation in Capital Punishment:** In accordance with the AMA current ethical opinions, which have been adopted by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure as conditions of Licensure, physician participation in executions, except to certify cause of death, provided that the condemned has been declared dead by another person, is a serious violation of medical ethics.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

## **CHILD HEALTH (Res 2007-18, 2007 HOD, p 650)**

- Current Policy:  
**Daily Physical Activity for Children:** KMA encourages its members to work with their local school districts to identify practical ways to incorporate and implement daily physical activity by students.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) (Adopted as amended from the floor of the HOD in lieu of Res 103, 120, and 126; 1997 HOD, p 564; Reaffirmed 2007)**

- Current Policy:  
**Mandatory Continuing Medical Education:** KMA reaffirms its support of continuing medical education and also reaffirms its opposition to mandated “disease- and topic-specific” continuing medical education for Kentucky physicians and urges repeal of any and all statutory requirements for continuing medical education of specific diseases.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

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### **FRAUD AND ABUSE (Res 97-132, 1997 HOD, p 565; Reaffirmed 2007)**

- Current Policy:  
KMA supports all efforts by the American Medical Association to encourage Congress to implement appropriate amendments to federal laws, which would prevent inappropriate investigations and prosecution of unintentional errors, which could be easily resolved through an educational process.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

- Current Policy:  
**Coverage for Dependents:** KMA support initiatives that would allow health insurance policy holders the option to include as beneficiaries dependent children 25 years or younger. (Res 2007-33, 2007 HOD, p 657)
- Recommendation: **Retain**
- Current Policy:  
**Mandatory Provisions in Health Insurance Policies:** KMA supports payment for medically necessary services by insurers/payers based on the appropriate care of the patient; and that decisions regarding insurance coverage of medical services be considered separately for each service in question in the context of patient need and the physician's medical judgment. (Res 97-134, 1997 HOD, p 572; Reaffirmed 2007)
- Recommendation: **Retain**
- Current Policy:  
**On Call Emergency Room Coverage:** KMA supports the policy that it is appropriate for physicians to receive fair and suitable compensation and consideration for emergency room coverage. (Res 2007-28, 2007 HOD, p 651)
- Recommendation: **Retain**
- Current Policy:  
KMA advocates for the passage of laws, including provisions for enforcement and penalties, designed to alleviate managed care hassles that apply to out-of-network physicians in order to provide patients who seek out-of-network physicians the same protections from managed care abuses that are available under the law. (Res 2007-22, 2007 HOD, p 660)
- Recommendation: **Retain**

### **HOSPITALS (Res 2007-25, 2007 HOD, p 656)**

- Current Policy:  
**"Whole Hospital" Exemption to Stark Laws:** KMA supports appropriate physician investment and competitive participation in the business of medicine and that which preserves the "whole hospital" exemption to the Stark Laws.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

**MENTAL ILLNESS (Res 97-123, 1997 HOD, p 572; Reaffirmed 2007)**

- Current Policy:  
**Parity for Mental Illness in Medical Benefits Programs:** KMA supports the provision of benefits for emotional and mental illness under all governmental and private insurance programs which are equivalent in scope and duration to those benefits provided for other illnesses.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

**OPTOMETRY (Res 97-129, 1997 HOD, p 572; Reaffirmed 2007)**

- Current Policy:  
**Optometrists as Primary Care Providers:** KMA opposes legislation allowing optometrists to act or serve as primary care providers in performance of the practice of medicine, surgery, or laser surgery in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

**RETAIL CLINICS (Res 2007-02, 2007 HOD, p 659)**

- Current Policy:  
KMA adopts the policy that retail clinic operations should limit their scope of clinical services consistent with state laws, be required to use standardized evidence-based medical protocols, establish arrangements for direct access to and supervision by physicians and establish referral arrangements with the physician practices and other medical facilities. KMA further adopts as policies that these operations should support the medical home model, through prompt communication with physicians of record, and observe accepted contagious disease treatment standards.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

**SAFETY ISSUES (Res 2007-12, 2007 HOD, p 650)**

- Current Policy:  
**Motorcycle Helmet Legislation:** KMA supports the passage of legislation requiring all motorcyclists, regardless of age, to be helmeted.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

**SURGERY (Res 2007-27, 2007 HOD, p 656)**

- Current Policy:  
**Definition of Surgery:** KMA adopts policy that only licensed physicians and surgeons be allowed to perform surgery and that any procedures that can damage the eye (cornea to retina), including the use of lasers, are ablative and should only be performed by appropriately trained and licensed physicians.
- Recommendation: **Retain**

### **TOBBACO**

- Current Policy:  
**Sale of Tobacco:** KMA reaffirms support for local municipalities and counties to adopt more stringent laws and regulations governing the sale and use of tobacco in local facilities; that smoking restrictions in state facilities used by the public in local communities be governed by the same local laws or regulations affecting other local businesses and privately owned facilities. KMA continues to support both additional state taxation on tobacco products to discourage use of tobacco products by minors and public funding of the development of agricultural alternatives to growing and processing of tobacco and tobacco products. (*Res 97-135, 1997 HOD, p 578; Reaffirmed 2007, 2009*)
- Recommendation: **Retain**
- Current Policy:  
**Secondhand Smoke:** KMA supports prohibition of smoking in public places including restaurants, bars, hospital campuses and in motor vehicles with children and encourages physicians to counsel patients about the health risks attributed to exposure to secondhand smoke. (*Res 2007-06, 2007 HOD, p 664*)
- Recommendation: **Retain**