

RESOLUTION

Subject: Certificate of Need
Submitted by: Northern Kentucky Medical Society
Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, large hospital systems control the type of care delivered to the majority of the citizens in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, hospitals are major employers of physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers resulting in limited employment opportunities for same; and

WHEREAS, the certificate of need required by the Commonwealth of Kentucky is ineffective in controlling over-utilization or improving quality of care in many states of the Union; and

WHEREAS, the certificate of need imposes an unnecessary regulatory burden upon those who wish to establish health care facilities in order to provide medical services to the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association compared metrics in states with and without the certificate of need, and found no difference in respect to hospital procedural volume, 30 day mortality, surgical site infection or re-admission rates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the KMA work with the Kentucky legislature and all interested parties to modify or eliminate the certificate of need as a requirement to build a health care facility in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.