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5 REPORT OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE

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7 The Reference Committee presents the following items as a Consent Calendar:

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9 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Membership

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11 Resolution 2021-1 Bylaws Amendment to Increase Medical Student Delegate
12 Representation
13 (Alex Thebert-University of Kentucky, Lexington, Margo Nelis-
14 University of Kentucky - Northern Kentucky, Rachel Whittaker
15 - University of Kentucky - Bowling Green, Lisa Anakwenze -
16 University of Louisville)

17 Resolution 2021-2 Bylaws Amendment to Make Language Gender Neutral
18 (Alex Thebert, Nicole Czermer-Garcia - University of
19 Kentucky, Lexington)

20 Resolution 2021-3 Changes and Programs to Promote Equity, Inclusiveness,
21 and Physician Leadership
22 (KMA Board of Trustees)

23 Resolution 2021-4 Actualizing Health Equity through Patient Care, Research,
24 and Medical Education
25 (Lisa Anakwenze MPH, MS, Katarina Jones MPH - University
26 of Louisville, Alex Thebert - University of Kentucky,
27 Lexington)

28 Resolution 2021-5 Support for Education and Awareness of Sudden Infant Death
29 Syndrome
30 (Margo Nelis, Morgan Syndor - University of Kentucky,
31 Northern Kentucky, Alex Thebert - University of Kentucky,
32 Lexington)

33 Resolution 2021-6 Support for Issuing Nickel Allergen Advisory and Limiting the
34 Quantity of Nickel in Products with Prolonged Skin Contact
35 (Abigail Durbin, Cody Estep, Jarod Griffin - University of
36 Kentucky, Lexington)

37 Resolution 2021-7 Support for Promoting Frequent Skin Examinations for Early
38 Detection of Skin Cancer
39 (Abigail Durbin, Cody Estep, Jarod Griffin - University of
40 Kentucky, Lexington)

41 Resolution 2021-8 Prevention and Treatment of Obesity in the Commonwealth of
42 Kentucky
43 (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

44 Resolution 2021-9 Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care Practices
45 (Lisa Anakwenze MPH MS, Manasaa Kannan, Tasneem Karim,
46 Ingrid Okonta MS MS - University of Louisville)

47 Resolution 2021-10 Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) Officers and
48 Panel Chairs Restricted to Physician KBML Members
49 (Lexington Medical Society)

50 Resolution 2021-11 Recognition of Governor Andy Beshear and Doctor Steven
51 Stack

1		(Donald R. Wilson, MD, FACOG)
2	Resolution 2021-12	Adoption of a "Clear and Convincing" Standard of Proof in
3		Medical Liability Cases
4		(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)
5	Resolution 2021-13	Promotion of Physician Well-Being
6		(Shawn C. Jones, MD)
7	Resolution 2021-14	Support for Automatic Expungement of Criminal Records
8		(Alex Thebert, Joshua Musalia, Curtis Bethel, Nicole Czerner-
9		Garcia - University of Kentucky, Lexington, Onu Udoh, Zoha
10		Mian - University of Louisville)
11	Resolution 2021-15	Support for Removing Financial Barriers to Living Organ
12		Donation
13		(Alex Thebert, Abby Durbin - University of Kentucky, Lexington,
14		Margo Nelis - University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky, Nic
15		Kemper - University of Louisville)
16	Resolution 2021-16	Elimination of Medicaid Reimbursement Limits on Complex
17		Evaluation and Management Services
18		(KMA Board of Trustees)
19	Resolution 2021-17	Medicare Supplement Plans and Pre-existing Conditions
20		(Eugene Shively, MD)
21	Resolution 2021-18	Certificate of Need
22		(Northern Kentucky Medical Society)
23	Resolution 2021-19	Personal Protective Equipment
24		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
25	Resolution 2021-20	Lung Cancer Prevention by Creating a Research Trust &
26		Raising Excise Taxes
27		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
28	Resolution 2021-21	Modifier 25
29		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
30	Resolution 2021-22	Prior Authorization Denials
31		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
32	Resolution 2021-23	Advocacy for All Health Plans to Provide Chronic Care
33		Management Services Without Co-pay for Their Insured
34		Patients
35		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
36	Resolution 2021-24	Healthcare for All
37		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
38	Resolution 2021-25	Soda Tax
39		(Greater Louisville Medical Society)
40	Resolution 2021-26	Refusal of Licensed Vaccines
41		(Michael Kuduk, MD)
42	Resolution 2021-27	Memorial to Naren James, MD
43		(KMA Board of Trustees)
44	Resolution 2021-28	Memorial to Truman Perry, MD
45		(KMA Board of Trustees)
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1 The Reference Committee considered the 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Membership. The
2 Reference Committee recommends that the 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Membership be filed.

3 Mr. Speaker, the Reference Committee would like to express its appreciation to the officers and
4 members of the commissions and committees for their efforts throughout the year, as summarized in this
5 annual report to the House of Delegates.

6 Resolution 1 – Bylaws Amendment to Increase Medical Student Delegate Representation (Alex Thebert -
7 University of Kentucky, Lexington, Margo Nelis - University of Kentucky - Northern Kentucky, Rachel
8 Whittaker - University of Kentucky - Bowling Green, Lisa Anakwenze - of Louisville)

9 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 1, Bylaws Amendment to Increase Medical
10 Student Delegate Representation, submitted by Alex Thebert of the University of Kentucky, Lexington
11 campus, Margo Nelis of the University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky campus, Rachel Whittaker of the
12 University of Kentucky, Bowling Green campus, and Lisa Anakwenze of the University of Louisville.

13 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted.

14 Resolution 2 – Bylaws Amendment to Make Language Gender Neutral (Alex Thebert, Nicole Czerner-
15 Garcia - University of Kentucky, Lexington)

16 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 2, Bylaws Amendment to Make Language Gender
17 Neutral, submitted by Alex Thebert and Nicole Czerner-Garcia of the University of Kentucky, Lexington
18 campus.

19 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted.

20 Resolution 3 – Changes and Programs to Promote Equity, Inclusiveness, and Physician Leadership (KMA
21 Board of Trustees)

22 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 3, Changes and Programs to Promote Equity,
23 Inclusiveness, and Physician Leadership, submitted by the KMA Board of Trustees.

24 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 3 be adopted.

25 Resolution 4 – Actualizing Health Equity through Patient Care, Research, and Medical Education (Lisa
26 Anakwenze MPH, MS, Katarina Jones MPH - University of Louisville, Alex Thebert - University of Kentucky,
27 Lexington)

1 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 4, Actualizing Health Equity through Patient Care,
2 Research, and Medical Education, submitted by Lisa Anakwenze MPH, MS and Katarina Jones MPH of the
3 University of Louisville, and Alex Thebert of the University of Kentucky, Lexington campus.

4 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 4 be amended to read:

5 “RESOLVED, that the KMA ~~encourages members to look at historical structural racism in medicine~~
6 ~~and have an open discussion about its continuing ramifications~~ acknowledges that biases exist in the
7 practice of medicine which can lead to inequities in healthcare; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, that the KMA amend the Equality Act policy adopted in 2019 to read ‘KMA opposes
9 discrimination on ~~any~~ the basis ~~(e.g., of race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, disability, income,~~
10 ~~education, social status, geographic factors, socioeconomic factors,~~ sex, sexual orientation, and gender
11 identity)’; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, that the KMA amend the Equality and Fairness in Delivery of Medical Care policy last
13 changed in 2019 to read ‘Discrimination and Disparities in the delivery and rendering of medical care,
14 ~~whether based upon race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, education, social, cultural or~~
15 ~~geographic factors,~~ are unjustifiable and must be eliminated. Physicians should examine their practices to
16 ensure that prejudices and biases do not inadvertently affect clinical judgment in medical care. KMA
17 supports the position that resources for medical research should be distributed in a manner, which
18 promotes the health equity of all individuals ~~without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, or gender~~
19 ~~identity, income, education, social, cultural or geographic factors~~ to the greatest extent possible’; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, the KMA supports ~~advocates for research that~~ explores ~~both~~ patient, student,
22 physician, staff, and or healthcare leadership perspectives on ways to improve access to equitable care for
23 all individuals ~~persons~~ in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, the KMA encourages Kentucky medical schools and training programs throughout
2 Kentucky to consider implementation of anti-racism programs, practices, and curriculum.”

3 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 4 be adopted as amended.

4 Resolution 5 – Support for Education and Awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Margo Nelis,
5 Morgan Syndor - University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky, Alex Thebert - University of Kentucky,
6 Lexington)

7 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 5, Support for Education and Awareness of
8 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, submitted by Margo Nelis and Morgan Syndor of the University of
9 Kentucky, Northern Kentucky campus, and Alex Thebert of the University of Kentucky, Lexington campus.

10 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 5 be amended by striking the first resolved.

11 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 5 be adopted as amended.

12 Resolution 6 – Support for Issuing Nickel Allergen Advisory and Limiting the Quantity of Nickel in Products
13 with Prolonged Skin Contact (Abigail Durbin, Cody Estep, Jarod Griffin - University of Kentucky, Lexington)

14 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 6, Support for Issuing Nickel Allergen Advisory
15 and Limiting the Quantity of Nickel in Products with Prolonged Skin Contact, submitted by Abigail Durbin,
16 Cody Estep, and Jarod Griffin of the University of Kentucky, Lexington campus.

17 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 6 be amended to read:

18 “RESOLVED, the KMA ~~supports setting limitations on nickel in products with prolonged skin contact~~
19 ~~and~~ encourages promoting education and awareness about the medical implications of prolonged skin
20 contact with nickel-containing products and the subsequent delayed hypersensitivity reaction that remains
21 lifelong after initial sensitization.”

22 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 6 be adopted as amended.

23 Resolution 7 – Support for Promoting Frequent Skin Examinations for Early Detection of Skin Cancer
24 (Abigail Durbin, Cody Estep, Jarod Griffin - University of Kentucky, Lexington)

1 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 7 Support for Promoting Frequent Skin
2 Examinations for Early Detection of Skin Cancer, submitted by Abigail Durbin, Cody Estep, and Jarod Griffin
3 of the University of Kentucky, Lexington campus.

4 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 7 be amended to read:

5 "RESOLVED, in an effort to detect skin cancer in the early stages, the KMA encourages physicians
6 to follow their specialty's standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice when performing skin
7 examinations and educating patients regarding monthly skin self-examinations ~~examine their patients' skin~~
8 ~~and promotes the education of patients to perform monthly head to toe skin examinations in an effort to~~
9 ~~detect skin cancer in the early stages."~~

10 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 7 be adopted as amended.

11 Resolution 8 – Prevention and Treatment of Obesity in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Greater Louisville
12 Medical Society)

13 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 8, Prevention and Treatment of Obesity in the
14 Commonwealth of Kentucky, submitted by the Greater Louisville Medical Society.

15 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 8 be amended by rewording the original
16 resolved and adding a second resolved to read:

17 "RESOLVED, that the KMA work with other organizations and government agencies to develop a
18 public campaign targeted to prevent ~~assemble a strategic task force to review proven best practice public~~
19 ~~health initiatives, community campaigns, evidence-based guidelines on treatment of obesity, and to further~~
20 ~~promote new initiatives and resolutions that target the prevention and treatment of obesity; and be it further-~~
promote new initiatives and resolutions that target the prevention and treatment of obesity; and be it further-

21 RESOLVED, that the KMA promote evidence-based guidelines regarding the treatment of obesity."

22 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 8 be adopted as amended.

23 Resolution 9 – Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care Practices (Lisa Anakwenze MPH MS, Manasaa
24 Kannan, Tasneem Karim, Ingrid Okonta MS MS - University of Louisville)

1 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 9, Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Care
2 Practices, submitted by Lisa Anakwenze MPH MS, Manasaa Kannan, Tasneem Karim, and Ingrid Okonta
3 MS MS of the University of Louisville.

4 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 9 be amended by rewording the first and
5 second resolveds to read:

6 "RESOLVED, that the KMA supports educating physicians regarding the importance of Trauma-
7 Informed Care in the treatment of victims of physical and psychologic trauma, including but not limited to the
8 COVID-19 pandemic~~recognizes trauma-informed care (TIC) as both a preventative and interventional~~
9 ~~measure that accounts for the trauma experienced by patients and its impact on their health. Therefore, the~~
10 ~~KMA acknowledges the need to address the impact of trauma among Kentucky residents; and be it further~~

11 RESOLVED, that the KMA supports the use of evidence-based trauma-informed care and safety
12 practices in health care settings; ~~and be it further~~"

13 The Reference Committee further recommends striking the third, fourth, and fifth resolveds.

14 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 9 be adopted as amended.

15 Resolution 10 – Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) Officers and Panel Chairs Restricted to
16 Physician KBML Members (Lexington Medical Society)

17 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 10, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
18 (KBML) Officers and Panel Chairs to Physician KBML Members, submitted by the Lexington Medical
19 Society.

20 The Reference Committee recommends Resolution 10 be amended by rewording the first resolved
21 to read:

22 "RESOLVED, that~~while the KMA fully supports and appreciates the contribution of the community~~
23 ~~members of the KBML, the KMA executive staff and Board of Trustees advocate that KBML officers and~~
24 ~~panel chairs be limited to Governor appointed KBML physician members only; and be it further~~ work with the

1 Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) to ensure that KBML officers and panel chairs be limited to
2 MDs and DOs."

3 The Reference Committee further recommends striking the second resolved.

4 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 10 be adopted as amended.

5 Resolution 11 – Recognition of Governor Andy Beshear and Doctor Steven Stack (Donald R. Wilson, MD,
6 FACOG)

7 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 11, Recognition of Governor Andy Beshear and
8 Doctor Steven Stack, submitted by Donald R. Wilson, MD, FACOG.

9 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 11 be amended to read:

10 "RESOLVED, that the KMA hereby expresses to the many elected officials, public health officials,
11 and healthcare providers ~~Governor Andy Beshear and Doctor Steve Stack~~ a sentiment of profound
12 appreciation for the actions they have taken during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health and well-
13 being of the Commonwealth and its citizens in the face of such an historic challenge."

14 The Reference Committee further recommends amending the title to read:

15 "Recognition of Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic ~~Governor Andy Beshear and Doctor Steven Stack.~~"

16 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 11 be adopted as amended.

17 Resolution 12 – Adoption of a "Clear and Convincing" Standard of Proof in Medical Liability Cases
18 (Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

19 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 12, Adoption of a "Clear and Convincing"
20 Standard of Proof in Medical Liability Cases, submitted by the Northern Kentucky Medical Society.

21 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 12 be adopted.

22 Resolution 13 – Promotion of Physician Well-Being (Shawn C. Jones, MD)

23 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 13, Promotion of Physician Well-Being, submitted
24 by Shawn C. Jones, MD.

1 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 13 be adopted.

2 Resolution 14 – Support for Automatic Expungement of Criminal Records (Alex Thebert, Joshua Musalia,
3 Curtis Bethel, Nicole Czerner-Garcia - University of Kentucky, Lexington, Onu Udoh, Zoha Mian - University
4 of Louisville)

5 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 14, Support for Automatic Expungement of
6 Criminal Records, submitted by Alex Thebert, Joshua Musalia, Curtis Bethel, Nicole Czerner-Garcia of the
7 University of Kentucky, Lexington campus, and Onu Udoh, and Zoha Mian of the University of Louisville.

8 The Reference Committee recommends Resolution 14 be amended by rewording the second
9 resolved to read:

10 "RESOLVED, that KMA support removing socioeconomic barriers from the process of expunging
11 criminal records~~automatic expungement of criminal records after cases have been dismissed, acquitted, or~~
12 ~~after a sentence or parole is completed, except in cases of sex crimes or crimes against children."~~

13 The Reference Committee further recommends amending the title to read:

14 "Support for ~~Automatic~~ Expungement of Criminal Records."

15 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 14 be adopted as amended.

16 Resolution 15 – Support for Removing Financial Barriers to Living Organ Donation (Alex Thebert, Abby
17 Durbin - University of Kentucky, Lexington, Margo Nelis - University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky, Nic
18 Kemper - University of Louisville)

19 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 15, Support for Removing Financial Barriers to
20 Living Organ Donation, submitted by Alex Thebert, Abby Durbin of the University of Kentucky, Lexington
21 campus, Margo Nelis of the University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky campus, and Nic Kemper of the
22 University of Louisville.

23 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 15 be amended to read:

24 "RESOLVED, that the KMA supports removing financial barriers to organ donation and making
25 organ donation financially neutral through methods including, but not limited to, paid leave and tax credits."

26 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 15 be adopted as amended.

1 Resolution 16 – Elimination of Medicaid Reimbursement Limits on Complex Evaluation and Management
2 Services (KMA Board of Trustees)

3 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 16, Elimination of Medicaid Reimbursement
4 Limits on Complex Evaluation and Management Services, submitted by the KMA Board of Trustees.

5 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 16 be adopted.

6 Resolution 17 – Medicare Supplement Plans and Pre-existing Conditions (Eugene Shively, MD)

7 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 17, Medicare Supplement Plans and Pre-existing
8 Conditions, submitted by Eugene Shively, MD.

9 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 17 be adopted.

10 Resolution 18 – Certificate of Need (Northern Kentucky Medical Society)

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12 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 18, Certificate of Need, submitted by the Northern
13 Kentucky Medical Society.

14 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 18 be adopted.

15 Resolution 19 – Personal Protective Equipment (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

16 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 19, Personal Protective Equipment, submitted by
17 the Greater Louisville Medical Society.

18 The Reference Committee recommends Resolution 19 be amended to read:

19 "RESOLVED, that the KMA advocate the Commonwealth of Kentucky and ~~its state-based~~ hospitals
20 ~~to maintain a strategic personal protective equipment supply, including N-95 masks, gowns, face masks,~~
21 ~~face shields, and gloves,~~ for use by physicians and other health care personnel, ~~including physicians, with~~
22 ~~the ability~~ to sustain statewide hospital and pre-hospital operations during a declared emergency. This
23 ~~strategic supply of personal protective equipment should include N-95 masks, gowns, face masks, face~~
24 ~~shields, and gloves."~~

25 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 19 be adopted as amended.

1 Resolution 20 – Lung Cancer Prevention by Creating a Research Trust & Raising Excise Taxes (Greater
2 Louisville Medical Society)

3 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 20, Lung Cancer Prevention by Creating a
4 Research Trust & Raising Excise Taxes, submitted by the Greater Louisville Medical Society.

5 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 20 be amended by rewording the second
6 resolved to read:

7 "RESOLVED, that KMA ~~sponsor~~ support legislation to establish a Kentucky Lung Health Trust that
8 awards grants for cancer research, nicotine delivery epidemiology, and environmental lung injury studies,
9 funded by an increase on ~~and which would have a funding base from excise taxes on cigarettes and nicotine~~
10 delivery agents to above the national average. ~~and which would be modeled on the acclaimed KY Spinal~~
11 ~~Gord and Head Injury Trust (with greater applicant access); and be it further"~~

12 The Reference Committee further recommends striking the third resolved.

13 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 20 be adopted as amended.

14 Resolution 21 – Modifier 25 (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

15 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 21, Modifier 25, submitted by the Greater
16 Louisville Medical Society.

17 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 21 be adopted.

18 Resolution 22 – Prior Authorization Denials (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

19 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 22, Prior Authorization Denials, submitted by the
20 Greater Louisville Medical Society.

21 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 22 be amended by rewording the first and
22 second resolves and adding a third resolved to read:

23 "RESOLVED, that to reduce delays in patient care, the KMA reaffirms its support for regulatory and
24 statutory requirements mandating that ~~advocates to the Kentucky Department of Insurance for health plans~~

1 ~~to provide timely prior authorization notification - 24-hour relating to urgent care and 5-day relating to non-~~
2 ~~urgent care - correspondence including an explanation of denial to the requesting clinician, provide a list of~~
3 ~~alternatives for medications, diagnostic tests, medical equipment, and supplies, procedures, treatments, and~~
4 ~~all other health care services, including diagnostic testing and surgical services that are appropriate for the~~
5 ~~diagnosis on all prior authorization correspondence to reduce the burden of paperwork and delay in patient~~
6 ~~care; and be it further~~

7 RESOLVED, that to reduce the administrative burden of prior authorization, the KMA reaffirms its
8 support for regulatory and statutory requirements mandating that health plans - when denying prior
9 authorization requests - provide correspondence to the requesting clinician that contains an explanation of
10 denial and lists alternatives for the denied medications, equipment and supplies, procedures, treatments,
11 and all other health care services, including diagnostic testing and surgical services; and be it further
12 ~~advocates to the Kentucky Department of Insurance for health plans to provide timely notification to the~~
13 ~~patient and the ordering clinician that the prior authorization has been approved. Timely is defined as within~~
14 ~~24 hours for medications/medical equipment/supplies necessary for prompt treatment such as oxygen tanks,~~
15 ~~nebulizer equipment (supplies that are necessary for acute treatment), and within 5 days for diagnostic~~
16 ~~testing and other supplies.~~

17 RESOLVED, that KMA engage its membership and other relevant stakeholders to gather data that
18 can be utilized in determining the extent to which commercial health plans are in compliance with the
19 requirements of 2019 Senate Bill 54, a legislative enactment relating to prior authorizations, and based on
20 such information, communicate the Association's concerns regarding the implementation of 2019 Senate Bill
21 54 to the appropriate state agency."

22 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 22 be adopted as amended.

23 Resolution 23 – Advocacy for All Health Plans to Provide Chronic Care Management Services Without Co-
24 pay for Their Insured Patients (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

1 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 23, Advocacy for All Health Plans to Provide
2 Chronic Care Management Services Without Co-pay for Their Insured Patients, submitted by the Greater
3 Louisville Medical Society.

4 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 23 be amended to read:

5 "RESOLVED, that the KMA supports the elimination of all cost sharing requirements for advocates
6 ~~to the Kentucky Department of Insurance for all health plans to provide Chronic Care Management services~~
7 ~~without co-pay for their insured patients."~~

8 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 23 be adopted as amended.

9 Resolution 24 – Healthcare for All (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

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11 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 24, Healthcare for All, submitted by the Greater
12 Louisville Medical Society.

13 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 24 be amended to read:

14 "RESOLVED, that the KMA express its support for universal access to comprehensive, affordable,
15 high-quality health care, ~~through a government-sponsored national health program, provided it meets the~~
16 following principles:

- 17 • ~~Provides comprehensive, high-quality coverage for all medically necessary or appropriate services,~~
18 ~~including inpatient and outpatient hospital care; primary, preventive, and specialty care, long term~~
19 ~~care, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, dental, vision, audiology, prescription~~
20 ~~drug and medical devices, and comprehensive reproductive care~~
- 21 • ~~Reimburses physicians and health care practitioners in amounts that are sufficient~~
- 22 • ~~Allows for collective participation by physicians and other practitioners in negotiating rates and~~
23 ~~program policies~~
- 24 • ~~Promotes global operating budgets for hospitals, nursing homes, and other providers, moving~~
25 ~~towards payment models that incentivize better outcomes and coordination of care~~

- 1 • ~~Creates a legal environment that fosters high quality patient care and relieves clinicians from~~
2 ~~practicing defensive medicine~~
- 3 • ~~Is funded through a progressive, employer and individual tax based system~~
- 4 • ~~Eliminates the substantial administrative burdens and costs currently imposed on physician~~
5 ~~practices (insurance verification, pre-certifications, approvals, lack of government sponsored~~
6 ~~universal health information technology systems, etc.)”~~

7 The Reference Committee further recommends amending the title to read:

8 “Healthcare Access for All.”

9 The Reference Committee recommends amended Resolution 24 be adopted as amended.

10 Resolution 25 – Soda Tax (Greater Louisville Medical Society)

11 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 25, Soda Tax, submitted by the Greater Louisville
12 Medical Society.

13 The Reference Committee recommends Resolution 25 be amended to read:

14 “RESOLVED, that the KMA reaffirms existing policy that states: ‘KMA urges physicians to educate
15 their patients regarding the health effects of sugar-sweetened beverages and, if necessary, encourage
16 patients to reduce consumption of such beverages.’~~support a soda tax imposed upon soft drink~~
17 ~~manufacturers and distributors in which a “Medicaid Trust Fund” would be created to receive all proceeds.”~~

18 The Reference Committee further recommends amending the title to read:

19 “Reaffirm Current Policy on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Soda Tax.”

20 The Reference Committee recommends that amended Resolution 25 be adopted as amended.

21 Resolution 26 – Refusal of Licensed Vaccines (Michael Kuduk, MD)

22 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 26, Refusal of Licensed Vaccines, submitted by
23 Michael Kuduk, MD.

1 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 26 be adopted.

2 Resolution 27 – Memorial to Naren James, MD (KMA Board of Trustees)

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4 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 27, Memorial to Naren James, MD, submitted by
5 the KMA Board of Trustees.

6 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 27 adopted.

7 Resolution 28 – Memorial to Truman Perry, MD (KMA Board of Trustees)

8 The Reference Committee considered Resolution 28, Memorial to Truman Perry, MD, submitted by the
9 KMA Board of Trustees.

10 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 28 be adopted.

11 Mr. Speaker, the Reference Committee recommends the adoption of the report of the Reference
12 Committee as a whole.

13 Mr. Speaker, I want to personally thank the other members of the Reference Committee for their
14 assistance to the House of Delegates in formulating policies on some very worthwhile issues. Members of
15 the committee were Rebecca P. Chatham, MD, Danville, Heidi M. Koenig, MD, Louisville, and Donald J.
16 Swikert, MD, Union. I also wish to thank Ms. Laura Hartz for her help and guidance in the preparation of
17 this report.

18 Respectfully submitted,

19 REFERENCE COMMITTEE

20 /s/ Ronald R. Waldridge, II, MD
21 Ronald R. Waldridge, II, MD, Chair

22 /s/ Rebecca P. Chatham, MD
23 Rebecca P. Chatham, MD, Danville

24 /s/ Heidi M. Koenig, MD
25 Heidi M. Koenig, MD, Louisville

26 /s/ Donald J. Swikert, MD
27 Donald J. Swikert, MD, Union