

RESOLUTION

Subject: Protecting Appropriate Care for Patients

Submitted by: Lexington Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, the great medical educator Sir William Osler declared that “Caring for patients means ...CARING... for patients”; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky physicians and other health care providers strongly endorse this adage by CARING for their patients; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky state legislature has violated this adage by severely limiting reproductive care for women in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the potential is there for the Kentucky state legislature to deprive Kentucky women of other appropriate reproductive health care related to contraception and assisted reproductive techniques such as in vitro fertilization; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky was included in the 2021 case of State of Louisiana, et. al. vs. Xavier Bacerra, et.al. which attempted to block a CMS mandate for COVID-19 vaccination of all health care workers of programs funded by CMS, thereby attempting to protect the caregivers and patients of those facilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA oppose any actions to restrict reproductive rights for women; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA oppose actions by the Kentucky state legislature which impeded appropriate healthcare for patients, and provision of such by health care providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA be the reference source for the Kentucky legislature on issues that affect healthcare for patients.