

RESOLUTION

Subject: Cost of Medication
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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, the cost of many medications are so high that many patients cannot afford them and often have to choose between purchasing medications or food for themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS, this may disproportionately affect the patients who need medications the most (low income households, many rural patients, minorities, and those who have other barriers to obtaining medical care); and

WHEREAS, even if a patient has “access” to expert healthcare professionals, if they can not afford the medication the expert or their primary care physician prescribes, the “access” was of little or no benefit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA appoint a committee, workgroup, task force, or other body to evaluate and bring to the attention of KMA members, legislators, and other stake holders the adverse health effects of unaffordable medications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA actively advocate (instead of merely supporting) for the organization (KMA) working with legislators, the AMA, and other groups to find ways, legislative and other, to reduce medication costs and therefore improve the health of Kentuckians.