

RESOLUTION

Subject: Sunset Policies
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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Medical Association House of Delegates (HOD) meets annually to discuss relevant medical issues and formulate policy that is germane; and

WHEREAS, the policies put into place by the HOD are valid for 10 years and then require re-evaluation for relevance into medical practice; and

WHEREAS, there are current topics that need to be reaffirmed as they continue to have relevance to today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms the collaboration with state and local health care organizations to educate the public about the harmful effects of secondhand smoke in cars with minors. And that KMA supports state and local provisions that prohibit smoking in cars with minors (Res 2016-26, 2016 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms pursuing a plan to help educate physicians and the public on evidence-based ways to prevent and treat drug addiction and disseminate this information to physicians across the state (Res 2016-6, 2016 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms that using its influence to expand mental health and addiction treatment in all forms of drug abuse including evidence-based medical and non-medical addiction treatment modalities (Res 2015-4, 2015 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms advocating for physician reimbursement for time spent obtaining pre-certification and pre-authorization for designated services and prescriptions (Res 2015-19, 2015 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms advocating for further clinical research of cannabis in the treatment of medical conditions (Res 2015-16, 2015 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirms advocating for payment mechanisms that allow adequate funding of mental health care in order to assure its continued availability in the primary care physician office (Res 2015-3, 2015 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirm supporting efforts by state and federal legislators to enact legislation supporting prevention and treatment of diabetes (Res 2015-9, 2015 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirm educating its members and their hospitals of the great benefits of the Supplies Over Seas (SOS) program, and KMA work with the Kentucky Hospital Association to

encourage additional hospital participation, greater support for SOS from hospital and community sponsors, and increased use of SOS resources by physicians and health care workers on medical missions (Res 2014-02, 2014 HOD); and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA reaffirm advocating for a policy of telemedicine payment parity between virtual visits and in-office visits to Kentucky physicians, where a bona fide established and ongoing care relationship exists, such that the reimbursement is equivalent for online care and face-to-face care (Res 2016-3, 2016 HOD).