

RESOLUTION

Subject: Encourage Health Systems and Private Practices to Include 988 on Automated Voice Messaging

Submitted by: KMA Board of Trustees

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides individuals experiencing mental health crises, suicidal thoughts, or substance use crises with immediate access to trained crisis counselors; and

WHEREAS, physician practices and health systems frequently serve patients who may be experiencing behavioral health emergencies or emotional distress; and

WHEREAS, automated telephone messaging may serve as an opportunity to direct individuals in crisis to appropriate emergency and behavioral health resources outside normal office hours; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA encourages health systems and private practices to include 988 on their automated voice messaging line.