

**WSMA****Washington State
Medical Association**
Physician Driven, Patient Focused

The KCMS Executive Board is headed to Spokane the end of Sept. for the WSMA House of Delegates. Below is a summarized list of some of the resolutions that will be discussed as well as voted on at this years HOD.

Resolution B-2: Directing WSMA to Advocate for a Reduced Volume of Prior Authorizations

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate for state legislation to reduce the volume of prior authorization demands on health care providers and to bring a resolution to the AMA to advocate for this legislation.

Resolution B-3: Improving Sexual Health in Washington State

This resolution compels the WSMA to disseminate information to increase awareness of the recommendations for STI prevention, screening, and treatment within Washington state.

Resolution B-4: Increasing Harm Reduction - Education and Resources

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate to include and increase harm reduction education as a component of the competency-based curricula taught by all medical schools and residencies as well as provide possible funding for this training.

Resolution B-6: Liability Protections and Mentorship Program for Physicians

This resolution directs the WSMA to advocate for legislation and the establishment and promotion of liability protections for physicians who are shadowing each other and the physicians being shadowed when participating in quality improvement or mentorship programs.

Resolution B-7: Maintaining Medicaid - Reimbursement for Audio-Only Telehealth Visits

This resolution compels the WSMA to urge CMS to reconsider and reverse its decision to discontinue Medicaid reimbursement for audio-only telehealth visits and to take this issue to the national AMA and support ongoing research and data collection to assess the impact of telehealth modalities on health outcomes.

Resolution B-9: Ensuring Effective Collaboration Between WSMA and County Medical Societies

This resolution compels the WSMA to ensure that recruitment efforts equally promote both WSMA and county society memberships and to foster a collaborative and respectful relationship with county medical societies and enhancing the overall support for all physicians within the state.

Resolution B-10: Training Primary Care Physicians in Prescribing Medications for Psychiatric Conditions

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate for the development and implementation of thorough training

programs for primary care physicians in the prescribing of medications for psychiatric conditions and to work with medical schools and support initiatives to provide primary care physicians with the resources and support needed to manage psychiatric

Resolution B-11: Adolescent Screening for Unhealthy Social Media Use in the Health Care Setting

This resolution compels the WSMA to work with the Department of Health to support the dissemination of pre-existing healthy social media guidelines and resources, to support the broader use of social media guidelines, and to acknowledge and support the established ongoing research into the long-term effects of social media use.

Resolution B-12: Removing Prior Authorization from the Buprenorphine Monoprodukt

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate for legislation, regulation and/or policy change to remove all payer restrictions such as prior authorization requirements from the buprenorphine monoprodukt.

Resolution B-14: Supporting Physician Use of AI in Practice Settings

This resolution compels the WSMA to supports the use of augmented/artificial intelligence to improve patient health outcomes, reduce career fatigue, and streamline administrative processes and to oppose enhancing or imposing additional liability on physicians who utilize augmented/artificial intelligence for clinical and administrative purposes. HEALTH EQUITY NOTE: Potential concerns about the impact of this resolution on funding and resource constraints.

Resolution B-16: Advancing Access to Health Savings Accounts for All Americans

This resolution compels the WSMA to bring forth a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates to advocate for and support legislation to promote health savings accounts for all Americans regardless of their insurance or employment status, health care plans, or age.

Resolution B-18: Enhancing Public Safety Through Standardized Placement and Expanded Access of AED's in Public Spaces

This resolution compels the WSMA to support state legislation requiring the placement of AEDs in additional public spaces, to support state legislation requiring the standardized placement of AEDs within buildings across Washington, and to support

collaboration with local schools, emergency response teams, and public health organizations to bring public awareness of this standardization process.

Resolution C-1: Supporting Access to Contraception

This resolution compels the WSMA to support policy that various forms of contraception be readily available without prior authorization and support public funding for these forms of contraception as the time of service for persons of low income

Resolution C-2: Creating a Digital Repository for Sterilization and Hysterectomy Consents

This resolution compels the WSMA to support the creation and integration of a digital repository system to improve access to desired sterilization, reduce administrative burden, and improve the likelihood of payment.

Resolution C-3: Diaper Product Access and Retail

Tax Exemption - This resolution compels the WSMA to support legislative measures to increase access to children's diaper products.

Resolution C-4: Expanding Medicaid Coverage to Include Air Purifiers or Air Cleaners in Washington State for Individuals with Asthma

This resolution compels the WSMA to support Medicaid coverage for any durable medical equipment interventions such as air purifiers or air cleaners.

Resolution C-6: Making Education on Firearm Injury Prevention a Standard Part of the Health Curriculum for WA State High School Students

This resolution compels the WSMA to recommend that the state of Washington make public health-based education on firearm injury prevention as a standard part of the mandated health curriculum for Washington state high school students.

Resolution C-7: Hospital Pricing and Ensuring Equitable Distribution of Health Care Funds

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate for the regulation of hospital pricing to ensure equitable distribution of health care funds and for implementing state and federal policies to regulate hospital prices by setting or capping rates at a percentage of Medicare rates.

Resolution C-9: Continuous Glucose Monitoring for People with Diabetes

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate for Medicaid to establish uniform coverage for all Medicaid beneficiaries with diabetes and support legislative efforts to ensure consistent and comprehensive coverage of CGM for all diabetes patients across different insurance plans, including Medicaid.

Resolution C-10: Regarding Reducing Climate Impacts of Anesthesia

This resolution compels the WSMA to encourage all hospitals and surgical centers in WA to adopt programs to reduce the climate impacts of anesthesia & endorse legislation to establish a statewide program of individual provider level data, guidance, and feedback based on the SCH/Project Spruce model.

Resolution C-12: Support for Legislation that Improves Health via Implementation of a Tax on Extreme Wealth

This resolution compels the WSMA to support legislation for a state wealth tax on intangible property and that these resources go directly to create a more robust Washington state safety net as well as create an educational event on the health and well-being benefits of wealth tax.

Resolution C-13: Washington State Return-to-Service Loan Repayment

This resolution compels the WSMA to host a focus group to discuss the development of a return-to-service program in Washington state and to support legislation establishing this program for medical students.

Resolution C-15: Washington State Single Source Credentialing

This resolution compels the WSMA to advocate for the necessary legislation and assist in developing a point of single source credentialing to be used by all insurance companies, medical practices, and hospitals in the state of Washington.

Resolution C-16: Support for the Health Engagement Hub Model of Addiction Treatment

This resolution compels the WSMA to endorse statewide and national implementation of Health Engagement Hubs and to ask the AMA to endorse and advocate for the expansion of Health Engagement Hubs.

Resolution C-17: Reforming the Prior Authorization Processes

This resolution compels the WSMA to work with the legislative process to create exemptions from the prior authorization process for contracted health professionals and to propose regulations to ensure AI decisions are always confirmed by a human physician to maintain accountability and patient safety.

Resolution C-18: Addressing Health Disparities in Maternal and Infant Mortality

This resolution compels the WSMA to urge the creation of at least two mobile maternity care clinics in high-need areas within the next five years and to request the creation of targeted grants or loan repayments that could be applied for by health care professionals and workers committed to serving high-need areas while working in the maternal or infant health care fields.

Resolution C-19: Legal Immunity to Physicians for Good Faith Reporting of Impaired Drivers

This resolution compels the WSMA to support legal immunity for physicians, acting in good faith, who report impaired drivers to the Department of Licensing. HEALTH EQUITY NOTE: Potential concerns around what criteria physicians will use to determine if a patient is an impaired driver.

Resolution C-20: PENDING Enhancing and Expanding Financial Support for Medical Education in Washington State

Resolution C-21: PENDING Enhancing Awareness and Access to the Washington State Child Tax Credit Resolution C-22: PENDING Advocacy for Extending Medicaid Coverage and Increasing Funding for Postpartum Substance Use Disorder (SUD)