REFERENCE COMMITTEE A

Reference Committee A met at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017, in the Chicago A Room, Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

Consent Calendar

Recommended for Adoption

1. Missouri State Medical Foundation report and financial statement
2. Physicians Health Program report and financial statement of Physicians Health Foundation

Resolution #2 – “AMA to Support Pharmaceutical Pricing Program in U.S.,” introduced by Stephen Halpin, MD, CMD, FACP

Recommendation
Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends the following Substitute Resolution #2 be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the MSMA’s AMA delegation present a resolution that the AMA prioritize its support for a pharmaceutical pricing program that would include a fee schedule for all applicable drugs covered by CMS, similar to the beneficiary fee schedule for medical services.

Resolution #3 – “Ban on Direct-to-Consumer Advertising by Pharmaceutical Companies,” introduced by St. Charles-Lincoln County Medical Society

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends this resolution not be adopted. Your Reference Committee heard and agrees with the testimony presented which indicates direct-to-consumer advertising (DTCA) adversely affects the doctor patient relationship; however, the US Supreme Court has already stated DTCA is protected free speech under the First Amendment. The AMA has policy (H-105.988) which supports a ban on DTCA and supports eliminating the costs for DTCA of prescription drugs as a deductible business expense for tax purposes.

Resolution #4 – “Support for International Medical Graduates in Response to Executive Order 13769,” introduced by Joanne Loethen, MD, and Nathaniel Nolan, MD

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Substitute Resolution #4 be adopted:

RESOLVED: that the MSMA issue a statement of support for all international medical graduates who wish to train and practice in the U.S. and who meet U.S. training and accreditation standards.
Resolution #7 – “Comprehensive Review of CME Process,” introduced by Ravi Johar, MD, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution #7 be adopted.

Resolution #8 – “Certified Translation Services,” introduced by Samer Cabbabe, MD, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Substitute Resolution #8 be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Missouri State Medical Association, in collaboration with the American Medical Association, work to relieve the burden of the costs associated with translation services implemented under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.

Resolution #10 – “Claim Payment Adjustments,” introduced by Samer Cabbabe, MD, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution #10 be referred to council for further study. We heard testimony of the accounting nightmares created by insurance companies unilaterally claiming refunds on previously adjudicated payments.

Resolution #13 – “Decreasing Screen Time and Increasing Outdoor Activity to Offset Myopia Onset and Progression in School Children,” introduced by Shannon Tai, Saint Louis University medical student; Ingrid Hsiung, University of Missouri-Kansas City medical student; the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society and the Kansas City Medical Society

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution #13 be adopted.

Resolution #14 – “Past Presidents Committee,” introduced by the MSMA Council

Recommendation – Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends Resolution #14 be adopted.

Brian Andrews, MD – O’Fallon, Chair
Stephen Halpin, MD - Hannibal
David Pohl, MD – St Louis
Adam Grumke, MD – Kansas City
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