**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**2021 OSMA Policy Sunset Report**

**Introduced by:** OSMA Council

**Subject:** 2021 OSMA Policy Sunset Report

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee 1

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**WHEREAS,** Chapter 4, Section 13 of the Ohio State Medical Association Constitution and Bylaws provides that: any resolution/policy adopted by the House of Delegates four (4) or more years prior to each Annual Meeting will be reviewed by the Council for purposes of recommending whether to retain each policy. The House of Delegates will be notified of those policies subject to review prior to the Annual Meeting at which they will be considered. Any policy not retained by House action on the report submitted by the Council becomes null, void and of no effect; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED,** That the recommendations of OSMA Council published prior to the Annual Meeting as the 2021 OSMA Policy Sunset Report be adopted by the OSMA House of Delegates.

**Ohio State Medical Association Policy Compendium Review –**

**2021 OSMA Policy Sunset Report**

**OSMA policy from years 1932 through 2017 plus Policy 27 – 2020**

***(This is a list of Policy numbers and titles. The full text of policies recommended* “RETAIN”** as edited **and ”NOT RETAIN” is contained in this report*. All other OSMA policies will be retained as they are shown in the OSMA Policy Compendium available on*** [**www.osma.org**](http://www.osma.org)***.)***

**Policies to be Retained as Edited:**

Policy 03 – 2017 – Expansion of U.S. Veterans’ Healthcare Choices

Policy 05 – 2017 – Veterans Health Administration Transparency and Accountability

Policy 11 – 2017 – Third Party Patient Reimbursement for Out-of-Network Physicians

Policy 15 – 2017 – Maintain the House of Delegates as the Legislative Body of the OSMA

**Policies to be Not Retained:**

Policy 02 – 2017 – Discriminatory Screening of Potential Patients

Policy 06 – 2017 – Direct American Medical Association to Ask CMS and HHS to Remove Practice Expense and Malpractice Expense from Publicly Reported Payments

Policy 07 – 2017 – Improving Clinical Utility of Medical Documentation

Policy 27 – 2020 – OSMA Policy Sunset Report

Full text of policies recommended **“RETAIN” as Edited** and **“NOT RETAIN”**

**NOT RETAIN Policy 02 – 2017 – Discriminatory Screening of Potential Patients**

The OSMA HOD directs the AMA Delegation to request that the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs give an ethical opinion on discriminatory pre-screening tools before physicians accept patients in their practice.

Comment: accomplished

**RETAIN” as Edited Policy 03 – 2017 – Expansion of U.S. Veterans’ Healthcare Choices**

* + - 1. The OSMA ~~House of Delegates directs the OSMA American Medical Association (AMA) Delegation to carry a resolution to our AMA House of Delegates 2017 Annual Meeting requesting that our AMA adopt as policy that the Veterans Health Administration expand~~ SUPPORTS ALLOWING all eligible veterans’ health care choices by permitting them to use funds currently spent on them through the VA system, through mechanisms such as premium support, to purchase private health care coverage, and for veterans over age 65 to use these funds to defray the costs of Medicare premiums and supplemental coverage.
      2. ~~The OSMA House of Delegates directs the OSMA AMA Delegation to carry to our AMA House of Delegates 2017 Annual Meeting a resolution further requesting that our AMA actively support federal legislation to achieve this expansion of healthcare choices for Veterans Administration eligible veterans.~~
      3. ~~The OSMA by means of the OSMA website, as well as written letters to elected federal legislators and the U.S. President, again actively support federal legislation to achieve this reform of veterans’ health care choices.~~

Comment: stricken portion accomplished

**RETAIN” as Edited Policy 05 – 2017 – Veterans Health Administration Transparency and Accountability**

The OSMA ~~House of Delegates directs the OSMA AMA Delegation to carry a resolution to our American Medical Association House of Delegates 2017 Annual Meeting requesting that our AMA adopt as policy~~ SUPPORTS A REQUIREMENT that the Veterans Health Administration ~~be required to~~ report publicly on all pertinent aspects of its operation, including quality, safety, patient experience, timeliness, and cost effectiveness.

~~The OSMA House of Delegates directs the OSMA Delegation to carry to our AMA House of Delegates 2017 Annual Meeting a resolution further requesting that our AMA actively support federal legislation to achieve this reform of Veterans Health Administration transparency and accountability.~~

~~The OSMA, by means of the OSMA website, as well as written letters to elected federal legislators and the U.S. President, actively supports federal legislation to achieve this reform of Veterans Health Administration transparency and accountability.~~

Comment: stricken portion accomplished

**NOT RETAIN Policy 06 – 2017 – Direct American Medical Association to Ask CMS and HHS to Remove Practice Expense and Malpractice Expense from Publicly Reported Payments**

1. The OSMA ask its AMA Delegation to ask the AMA House of Delegates to petition CMS and the office of Health & Human Services to remove practice expense and malpractice expense from reimbursements reported to the public.

Comment: accomplished

**NOT RETAIN Policy 07 – 2017 – Improving Clinical Utility of Medical Documentation**

1. The OSMA AMA Delegation asks the AMA to advocate for appropriate, effective, and less burdensome requirements in the use of electronic health records.

Comment: accomplished

**RETAIN” as Edited Policy 11 – 2017 – Third Party Patient Reimbursement for Out-of-Network Physicians**

1. The OSMA adopts a policy and provides support to physicians and patients which requires insurers and third-party payors to properly reimburse patients and/or out-of-network physicians their usual charges, and that there be no increase in deductibles or co-payments for those patients requiring care from out-of-network physicians because of urgent and emergent treatment needed in emergency rooms and hospitals.
2. The OSMA adopts a policy which requires insurers and third-party payors to reimburse patients and/or out-of-network physicians their usual charges in non-emergent care, if insurer and third-party payor are not able to arrange participating network physician care in a reasonable time, and that there be no increase in deductible or co-payments for those patients.
3. ~~The OSMA directs the AMA Delegation to carry a request to our AMA to adopt a policy which requires insurers and third-party payors to properly reimburse patients and/or out-of-network physicians their usual charges, and that there be no increase in deductibles or co-payments for those patients requiring care from out-of-network physicians because of urgent and emergent treatment needed in emergency rooms and hospitals and/or seek federal legislation addressing these issues.~~

Comment: stricken portion accomplished

**RETAIN” as Edited Policy 15 – 2017 – Maintain the House of Delegates as the Legislative Body of the OSMA**

1. The OSMA House of Delegates shall remain in place as the legislative body of the OSMA, retaining all rights, privileges and authority as are now set forth in the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws.
2. ~~The quorum of the HOD will be satisfied with the presence of the majority of the registered delegates. This will require a bylaws change and the OSMA Council is directed to write the appropriate language for voting at the annual meeting in 2018.~~
3. ~~From 45 days up to the annual meeting of the HOD, underrepresented counties can be assigned active OSMA members who reside or work in that county or district by the district councilor to serve at the HOD. This may require a bylaws change and the OSMA Council is directed to write the appropriate language for voting at the annual meeting in 2018.~~

Comment: stricken portion accomplished

**NOT RETAIN Policy 27 – 2020 – OSMA Policy Sunset Report**

1. The House of Delegates adopted the recommendations of OSMA Council regarding the policies from 1932 through 2016 as is reflected in the 2020 OSMA Policy Sunset Report available on [www.osma.org](http://www.osma.org) under Annual Meeting section.  The possible actions for the policies were *Policies to be Retained*, *Policies to be Retained as Edited* and *Policies to be Not Retained*.

**COMMENT:** Accomplished.

**Fiscal Note:** $0 (Sponsor)

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