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Florida Medical Association Board of Governors

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Summary of Major Board Actions

Committee on Finance and Appropriations

- Approved increase in suggested donation to PRN from \$52 to \$62 for 2014 dues cycle.
- Approved increase in suggested donation to the FMA Foundation from \$80 to \$88 for the 2014 dues cycle.
- Approved 2013 FMA operating budget.
- Modified FMA financial policies regarding meal allowances for authorized travel by FMA members and staff and annual stipends for chair and vice chair of FMA Membership Committee.

Council on Legislation

- Approved 2013 Legislative Agenda.
- Approved, as part of the 2013 legislative agenda, support of legislation by the Florida Academy of Physicians Assistants which would clarify their authority to order medications for the supervisory physician's patient in a hospital setting.
- Approved recommendations to the 2013 House of Delegates regarding FMA policies from 2005 to sunset and reaffirm.

Scope of Practice Task Force

- Approved recommendations presented from the Scope of Practice Task Force in its report dated September 10, 2012.
 1. The FMA should continue existing communication activities with medical and specialty society representatives on legislative issues.
 2. The Board of Governors should develop a protocol for specialty societies to use when seeking FMA port on scope of practice issues.
 3. The FMA shall create a coalition modeled after the "PatientsFirst Coalition" of the Texas Medical Association, to independently lobby and advocate on scope of practice safety issues.
 4. The Board of Governors should direct FMA staff to coordinate with specialty society representatives to explore the utility of defining the practice of medicine and specifying that the practice of medicine by any professional should be additionally regulated by the boards of medicine and/or osteopathic medicine.
 5. The FMA should promote team-based models of care that maintain physicians as the leader of the health care team to ensure patient safety and quality of care.
 6. Specialty societies at all levels should explore ways to improve data collection on patient outcomes, cost savings, adverse incidents, and workforce shortages (access limitations) relating to scope of

practice issues. Specialty societies must take the lead in data collection in their area of concern on scope issues, and coordinate with the FMA.

7. In collaboration with specialty societies, the FMA will work to enhance and strengthen existing law providing for truth in advertising for non-physician providers, and explore ways to educate the public to help individuals identify and distinguish the training and qualifications of their health care provider.
8. Specialty societies should engage in public education programs distinguishing themselves by education, competence and other factors from non-physician groups. The FMA should assist societies in disseminating this information to legislators and the public.
9. As it relates to Ophthalmology, the Board of Governors consider whether any action on applicable FMA policies should be in accordance with the protocol proposed in task force recommendation #2, or as part of the coalition approach suggested in task force recommendation #3, above.
10. As it relates to Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, The Board of Governors consider whether any action on applicable FMA policy should be in accordance with the protocol proposed in task force recommendation #2, or as part of the coalition approach suggested in task force recommendation #3, above.
11. The Board of Governors should seek additional information from the Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians about a public awareness campaign and what specifically is being requested of the FMA in this regard. Additionally, the Task Force recommends the Board of Governors consider whether any FMA action on such request should be in accordance with the protocol proposed in task force recommendation #2, or as part of the coalition approach suggested in task force recommendation #3, above. Finally, the pivotal role of state governors in this arena reinforces the importance of specialty societies developing strong relationships with gubernatorial candidates as well as enhancing their involvement in these elections.
12. As it relates to nurses/advanced registered nurse practitioners, the FMA supports the efforts of Florida Academy of Family Physicians and American College of Physicians in their discussions with nursing groups and withhold action pending outcome of these discussions.
13. As it relates to psychologists, the Board of Governors consider whether any action on applicable FMA policies should be in accordance with the protocol proposed in task force recommendation #2, or as part of the coalition approach suggested in task force recommendation #3, above.
14. As it relates to physical therapists, the board of governors consider whether any action on applicable FMA policies should be in accordance with the protocol proposed in task force recommendation #2, or as part of the coalition approach suggested in task force recommendation #3, above.

Other Actions

- Approved assignments of 2012 referred resolutions to FMA councils and committees.
- Created Committee on the Future.
- Approved FMA staff informing FMA members and county and specialty societies regarding their findings related to the proposed "Patient Compensation System" by the Patients for Fair Compensation.
- Provided support and direction to the Florida AMA Delegation on AMA Resolution #809, Medicaid Expansion.