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SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

**2021 REPORTS  
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32 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
33 adoption of this reference committee report in its entirety.

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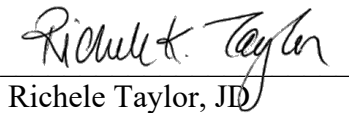
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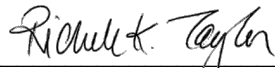
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25 RESOLUTION NUMBER H-5 SPECIALS FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS OF  
26 THE SCMA  
27 (Submitted By: M. Mayes Dubose, MD)

28 “RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association should amend the Bylaws  
29 and add a new section, Section 1.414, that states “The Board of Trustees may approve  
30 membership specials intended to attract first time members and increase membership, provided  
31 said specials may only be used to attract physicians who have never been a paying member of  
32 the South Carolina Medical Association.”

33 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
34 that this resolution be adopted as submitted.

35 Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of this reference  
36 committee report in its entirety.

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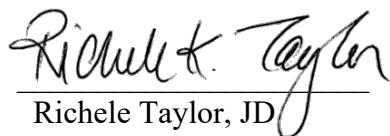
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10 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
11 that Report C-4 be adopted as submitted.

12 Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of this reference  
13 committee report in its entirety.

CHAIR:



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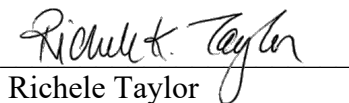
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36 Departments of Mental Health and Social Services on how best to increase the availability and  
37 types of virtual resources or services offered for pediatric mental health care and domestic violence  
38 support; and be it further

39 RESOLVED; that our SCMA raise physician awareness of educational resources,  
40 including virtual resources, ~~develop and offer CME to physicians and medical staff that educates~~  
41 ~~them on virtual resources~~ available to patients and their families concerning identifying and  
42 addressing mental health and domestic violence concerns.”

43 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
44 that Report E-4 be adopted as amended.

45 RESOLUTION NUMBER E-5 SAFE FIREARM STORAGE COUNSELING  
46 (Authors: Charleston County Medical Society)

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48 “RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association strongly encourages practicing  
49 physicians in South Carolina to use patient encounters as an opportunity to discuss firearm safety  
50 and to promote safe storage practices.

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52 RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association supports efforts to inform the  
53 public about safe storage of firearms.”

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55 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
56 this resolution be amended to read;

57 “RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association strongly encourages practicing  
58 physicians in South Carolina to use patient encounters as an opportunity to discuss firearm safety  
59 and to ~~promote~~ safe storage practices.

60 RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association supports efforts to inform the  
61 public about safe storage of firearms.”

62 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
63 this resolution be adopted as amended.

64 RESOLUTION NUMBER E-6 POLICY AND CLINICAL APPROACHES TO  
65 THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN SOUTH  
66 CAROLINA  
67 (Authors: Garrett Barton, MD, Zsolt Ori, MD,  
68 and Joseph Hoyle, MD)  
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70 “RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Medical Association  
71 provide a report to the House of Delegates at the 2022 Annual Meeting on the progress of state  
72 policy in aligning with the recommendations of the AMA roadmap, as well as opportunities to  
73 strengthen the state’s opioid abuse prevention plan;  
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75 RESOLVED, that such report provide information on the success of dissemination of the  
76 CME course.”

77 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
78 this resolution be amended to read:

79 “RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Medical Association  
80 provide a report to the House of Delegates at the 2022 Annual Meeting on the progress *within the*  
81 *State of South Carolina on the opioid epidemic. of state policy in aligning with the*  
82 *recommendations of the AMA roadmap, as well as opportunities to strengthen the state’s opioid*  
83 *abuse prevention plan;*

84 RESOLVED, that such report provide information on the success of dissemination of the  
85 CME courses.”

86 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
87 this resolution be adopted as amended:

88 RESOLUTION NUMBER E-7 HEALTH EQUITY  
89 (Authors: Joseph Hoyle, MD)  
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91 “RESOLVED; that the SCMA promotes the resources and strategies of the Alliance for a  
92 Healthier South Carolina, the South Carolina Institute of Public Health and Health Equity, the  
93 Colon Cancer Prevention Network, and the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association to all  
94 member physicians.”  
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96 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
97 this resolution be rejected:







166 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that the  
167 “first resolve” of this resolution be amended to read:

168 “RESOLVED: *the SCMA supports efforts to work with* ~~our SCMA forms a task force led~~  
169 by SCMA Medical Student Section, including voluntary collaboration with medical students,  
170 South Carolina medical schools, and pertinent stakeholders; to develop methods for assessing  
171 medical student mental health needs throughout the state of South Carolina, evaluate existing  
172 resources which address said needs, and develop evidence-based recommendations for  
173 improvement; and it be further [end]”

174 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that the  
175 first “resolve clause” of this resolution be adopted as amended.

176 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that the  
177 second and third “resolve clauses” of this resolution be referred to the SCMA Board or Trustees  
178 for decision;

179 “RESOLVED: that the task force will compose a report including findings and  
180 recommendations to be presented to the SCMA House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in  
181 2022; and be further

182 “RESOLVED: our SCMA will send a letter to all South Carolina medical schools to  
183 inform them of the task force’s findings and recommendations for improving medical student  
184 mental health in South Carolina.”

185 RECOMMENDATION: Mr./Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
186 adoption of this reference committee report in its entirety.

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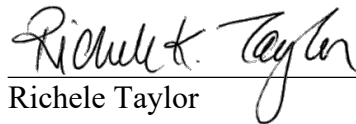
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SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

REPORT OF: Reference Committee on Medical Services and Insurance

1 PRESENTED BY: Kevin Walker, MD, CHAIR

2 The Reference Committee on Medical Services and Insurance gave careful  
3 consideration to the items referred to it and submits the following report:

4 CONSENT CALENDAR

5 REPORT NUMBER F-1, REPORT OF FULCRUM RISK  
6 MANAGEMENT

7 REPORT NUMBER F-2, REPORT OF THE SCMA MEMBERS'  
8 INSURANCE TRUST

9 REPORT NUMBER F-3 REPORT OF THE CAROLINA'S eHEALTH  
10 NETWORK

11 REPORT NUMBER F-4 REPORT OF THE PRACTICE  
12 MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IN.

13 RECOMMENDATION: Mr./Madame Speaker, your reference committee

14 recommends that Reports F-1 through F-4 be adopted as submitted.

15 REPORT NUMBER F-5 REPORT OF THE 2016 SUNSET POLICY  
16 RESOLUTIONS

17 **APPENDIX**

<b>Policy Number, Title, Policy</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
2016 F-3 "Prior Authorizations II"  "RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association work with the South Carolina Hospital Association, pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, and other stakeholders to develop standardized forms, across all payors, to increase the efficiency of completing prior authorizations in our state."	Retain;

18 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
19 that this report F-5 be adopted as submitted.

20 RECOMMENDATION: Mr./Madame Speaker, your reference committee  
21 recommends adoption of this reference committee report in its entirety.

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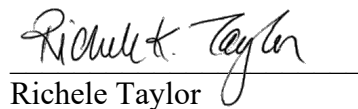
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<p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association encourage the Legislators of South Carolina to amend the legislation to allow for other commercial sources of CBD Oil and allow patients outside of research studies to receive CBD Oil for their children with epilepsy resistant to traditional management.</p>	<p>In June of 2014 Governor Haley executed Julian’s Law, or SB1035, which allowed CBD Oil for patients and children with epilepsy through trials. This Resolution addressed expanding Julian’s Law.</p> <p>In 2017, H 3559 provided the industrial hemp pilot program. In 2018, the Federal Farm Bill removed hemp from the Controlled Substances Act. SC then signed the SC Hemp Farming Act allowing CBD cultivation so long as THC content is under .3 percent. In February of 2019, the SC Department of Agriculture clarified CBD oil could not be in food until the FDA approved. Thus, hemp-derived CBD oil is legal to purchase and sell in SC as long as the THC content Is under .3 percent and not added to food products. Parents are not restricted from providing to their children.</p>
<p><b>2016 D-8</b> “Reclassification of Marijuana as a Schedule II Drug”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association encourages the legislators of the State of South Carolina, the FDA, and the DEA to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II Drug.”</p>	<p><b>Retain the policy;</b></p>
<p><b>2016 D-9</b> “Resolution Against Interstate Medical Licensing Compact”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association in conjunction with the SC Board of Medical Examiners continue to monitor the Federation of Medical Licensure's Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.”</p>	<p><b>Retain the policy;</b></p> <p>The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact has not passed in South Carolina but is repeatedly included in proposed legislation.</p>
<p><b>2016 D-10</b> “Advance Practice Registered Nurses Oversight”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; the South Carolina Medical Association support the Health Care Collaborative Committee and the Board of Medical Examiners in performing its statutory role as the entity in South Carolina responsible for regulating the practice of medicine by any and all persons delegating medical acts.”</p>	<p><b>Retain the policy;</b></p>
<p><b>2016 D-11</b> “Resolution for POST in South Carolina”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association, along with other interested organizations, support the development of legislation for Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) in South Carolina and lobby for its passage in the South Carolina General Assembly.”</p>	<p><b>Sunset;</b></p> <p>The POST legislation passed in 2019.</p>
<p><b>2016 D-12</b> “Exemption from Narcotic Look-Up and</p>	<p><b>Sunset;</b></p>

<p>Reporting Requirements”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association lobby for exemption from the narcotic reporting requirements and record look-up for physicians attending to those patients who are up to thirty (30) days postoperative or post fracture care.”</p>	<p>Due to the opioid crisis, it is unlikely this exemption request can succeed.</p>
<p><b>2016 D-13</b> “Graduate Medical Education in South Carolina Legislation”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) support seeking increased funding for Graduate Medical Education in state appropriations bill.”</p>	<p><b>Retain;</b></p>
<p><b>2016 D-17</b> “Step Therapy / “Fail-First Edits”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association develop and advocate for legislation to implement step therapy protections.”</p>	<p><b>Retain;</b></p>
<p><b>2016 D-18</b> “Uninsured Patient Care”</p> <p>“RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) develop a plan for covering all of South Carolina’s uninsured for consideration at the 2017 House of Delegates; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED; that the SCMA develop a statewide model to provide access to health care for the uninsured in South Carolina; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED; that the SCMA support a variety of funding solutions for a robust model in South Carolina including, but not limited to, Medicaid block grants and waivers as well as other private and public sources.”</p>	<p><b>Sunset;</b></p> <p>This idea has not had the support to provide a comprehensive plan in the past 5 years.</p>

13            RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
14 this report D-4 be adopted as submitted.

15            RESOLUTION NUMBER D-5            EFFORTS TO INCREASE GRADUATE  
16 MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) POSITIONS,  
17 FUNDING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN  
18 SOUTH CAROLINA  
19 (Submitted by: Tristan Mackey, Haritha Pavuluri,  
20 and Dory Askins – University of South Carolina  
21 School of Medicine Greenville)  
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23 “RESOLVED; that our SCMA supports funding initiatives to increase available GME  
24 positions in South Carolina for all specialties; and be it further

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26 RESOLVED; our SCMA encourage the establishment of a permanent GME advisory  
27 council through appropriate means.”

28 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends this  
29 resolution be rejected:

30 ~~“RESOLVED; that our SCMA supports funding initiatives to increase available GME~~  
31 ~~positions in South Carolina for all specialties; and be it further~~

32 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
33 this resolution be adopted as submitted.

34 “RESOLVED; our SCMA encourage the establishment of a permanent GME advisory  
35 council through appropriate means.”

36 RESOLUTION NUMBER D-6 EXPANDING BROADBAND INTERNET  
37 ACCESS AND TELEHEALTH  
38 INFRASTRUCTURE  
39 (Submitted by: Margaret Oliver, Taylor Head, and  
40 Stephen Moorhead)

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42 “RESOLVED; that SCMA advocate for the expansion of affordable broadband and high-  
43 speed internet access – especially in rural, at-risk, and under-resourced areas – and for the use of  
44 telehealth to reduce health disparities and promote equitable access to health care.”

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46 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
47 this resolution be amended to read:

48 “RESOLVED; that SCMA ~~advocate for~~ supports the expansion of affordable broadband  
49 and high-speed internet access – especially in rural, at-risk, and under-resourced areas – and for  
50 the use of telehealth to reduce health disparities and promote equitable access to health care.”

51 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
52 this resolution be adopted as amended.

53 RESOLUTION NUMBER D-7 OPPOSING LIFE INSURANCE DENIAL BASED  
54 ON UNDERWRITING FOR NALOXONE



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OBTAINED VIA  
PRESCRIPTION OR STANDING ORDER  
(Submitted by: Tristan Mackey and Haritha Pavuluri,  
University of South Carolina School of Medicine  
Greenville)

“RESOLVED; that our SCMA oppose insurance companies issuing any underwriting decision that would deny or limit coverage, or increase the charge for such coverage, in any way based on prior or current attainment of an opioid antagonist via prescription or standing order.”

RECOMMENDATION: Mr./Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that this resolution be amended to read:

“RESOLVED; that our SCMA ~~oppose~~ recommends against insurance companies issuing any underwriting decision that would deny or limit coverage, or increase the charge for such coverage, in any way based on prior or current attainment of an opioid antagonist via prescription or standing order.”

RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that this resolution be adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION NUMBER D-8      PROTECTION OF PEER REVIEW PROCESS  
(Submitted by: Gerald Wilson, MD)

“RESOLVED; that the SCMA House of Delegates directs the South Carolina AMA Delegation to constitute and submit a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates as an **urgent resolution** directing the Board of Directors of the AMA to use its full force and power to oppose any attempt to make Peer Review proceedings discoverable.”

RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that this resolution be adopted as submitted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER D-9      PROTECT RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE OF  
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
(Submitted by: Richard McCain, MD)

“RESOLVED; that the SCMA support legislation promoting and ensuring health care right of conscience.”

86 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
87 this resolution be adopt as submitted.

88 RESOLUTION NUMBER D-10 CRIMINALIZATION OF PHYSICIANS  
89 PROVIDING CARE WITHIN ACCEPTED  
90 STANDARD OF MEDICAL  
91 PRACTICE  
92 (Submitted by: Dawn Bingham, MD, MPH,  
93 FACOG, and Debbie Greenhouse, MD

94 “RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association affirms that government and  
95 other third-party interference in evidence-based medical care compromises the sanctity of the  
96 physician-patient relationship and undermines the provision of quality health care; and be it  
97 further”

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99 “RESOLVED; that the South Carolina Medical Association opposes any government  
100 regulation or legislative action which would criminalize physicians for providing evidence-based  
101 medical care within the accepted standard of care according to nationally recognized professional  
102 practice guidelines, and the scope of a physician's training and  
103 professional judgment.”

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105 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
106 this resolution be adopted as submitted.

107 RESOLUTION NUMBER D-11 SUPPORT FOR PAID PARENTAL LEAVE  
108 POLICIES FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC  
109 EMPLOYEES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

110 (Submitted by: Tristan Mackey and Haritha Pavuluri,  
111 University of South Carolina School of Medicine  
112 Greenville)

113 “RESOLVED; that out SCMA supports paid parental leave for public and private South  
114 Carolina employees; and be it further.”

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116 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
117 this resolution be adopted as amended to read:

118 “RESOLVED; that ~~out~~ our SCMA supports paid parental leave for public and private  
119 South Carolina employees.; and be it further.”

120 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
121 this resolution be adopted as amended.

122 RESOLUTION NUMBER D-12 SUPPORTING IN-STATE TUITION AND  
123 PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FOR STUDENTS  
124 WITH DEFERRED ACTION FOR  
125 CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) STATUS

126 (Submitted by: Tristan Mackey and Haritha Pavuluri,  
127 University of South Carolina School of Medicine  
128 Greenville)

129 RESOLVED; our SCMA support that individuals who have lawful presence in the state  
130 may receive in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education, and be eligible  
131 for state-supported scholarships and grants, provided other eligibility requirements are met; and  
132 be it further

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134 RESOLVED; our SCMA support the ability of individuals who have lawful presence in  
135 the state to obtain occupational or professional licenses, including medical licenses, after the  
136 completion of the required education and other licensure requirements as set by the appropriate  
137 regulatory board.”

138 RECOMMENDATION: Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends that  
139 this resolution be rejected:

140 ~~RESOLVED; our SCMA support that individuals who have lawful presence in the state~~  
141 ~~may receive in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education, and be eligible~~  
142 ~~for state-supported scholarships and grants, provided other eligibility requirements are met; and~~  
143 ~~be it further~~

144 RECOMMENDATION: Mr./Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends  
145 that this amended resolution be referred to the SCMA Board of Trustees for report back to the  
146 House of Delegates in 2022.

147 RESOLVED; our SCMA support the ability of individuals who have lawful presence in  
148 the state to obtain occupational or professional licenses, including medical licenses, after the  
149 completion of the required education and other licensure requirements as set by the appropriate  
150 regulatory board.”

151 Mr./Madame Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of this reference  
152 committee report in its entirety.

CHAIR:



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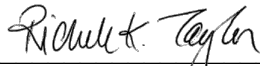
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