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The ***NSMA 2023-2024 Policy Compendium*** contains the current policies of the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) adopted by the House of Delegates and the Association’s Constitution and Bylaws. The policy resolutions included in this volume reflect all NSMA House of Delegates actions through August 2023. It does not include memorial resolutions, resolutions regarding personnel matters, or resolutions revising the NSMA Bylaws.

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Abortion

1994-16 Right of Physicians to Include Pregnancy Termination as Part of Their Practices

That the Nevada State Medical Association again goes on record in support of the right of physicians to choose to include pregnancy termination as a part of their practice; and That the NSMA condemns any illegal physical and mental harassment and intimidation directed at such physicians. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, 2015 & 2020)

2018-29 (E) Military Patients on Dependents that Carry a Fetus with Severe congenital Anomalies Who Wish to Undergo Termination of Pregnancy

That the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates recommend to the American Medical Association and Nevada congressional delegation that military health insurance plans provide coverage for termination of pregnancy for active military members or their dependents who have a fetus with congenital anomalies incompatible with survival.

2020-15 Addressing the Shortage of Abortion Providers in Nevada

That, the Nevada State Medical Association, in order to ensure the availability of safe, legal, and accessible abortion services within our state, supports expanding the pool of first-trimester medication and aspiration abortion providers to include appropriately trained and credentialed advanced practice clinicians.

Accident Prevention

1994-22 Helmets for High School Rodeo Participants

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommends that all participants in high school rodeo rough stock events (bull riding, saddle bronco riding, and bareback riding) be required to wear a protective helmet and face mask in an effort to prevent head and facial injuries. (Reaffirmed 2000 and 2009. Allowed to expire 2015)

2016-12 Ocular Injuries from Air Guns

That Nevada State Medical Association encourage legislation that protective eyewear be packaged with the sale of all air guns; and That NSMA encourage education on the proper use of protective eyewear to avoid ocular injuries. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2017-02 Cycling

That Nevada State Medical Association reach out to cycling advocacy organization and other regulatory agencies or interested entities in the state of Nevada to partner and identify ways of increasing cycling safety awareness as well as support legislation that will contribute to safer conditions for all users of Nevada's roadways.

Accident Prevention: Motor Vehicles

1994-21 Safety for Passengers in the Back of Pickup Trucks

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation that would prohibit passengers from riding in the cargo bed of a pickup truck unless appropriately restrained in seats with belts. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2006 and 2012)

2017-04 Requiring Helmets for Drivers and Riders of All Terrain Vehicles and Moped

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation that helmets be required for drivers and passengers of ATV's, motorized bicycles/scooters and mopeds in the state of Nevada.

2018-18 Creating Model Legislation for Primary Seat Belt Laws

That our Nevada State Medical Association support the implementation of primary seat belt legislation in Nevada.

2018-21 **Requiring Helmets for Motorized Vehicles**

That the Nevada State Medical Association publicly advocate for legislation that requires helmets for drivers and passengers of ATV's and any motorized vehicle without a passenger restraint system in Nevada.

2019-04 **Safety of Passengers in The Open Bed of a Truck**

That Nevada State Medical Association advocate for revising the existing laws and regulations relating to transporting minors younger than 18 years of age in the open bed of a truck to substantially increase penalties, and it shall be considered a moving traffic violation and an act of negligence or causation for civil action.

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome/HIV

2016-08 **Increasing the Use of HIV Preventative Treatment**

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourages our public health department to adopt policies to educate physicians and the public on the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV.

Advance Directives and “End-of-Life Care”

2011-07 **Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)**

That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the legislature to pass the “POLST” document in Nevada as a physician order as it is imperative to advance recognition of a patient’s actual wishes at the end-of-life. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2020-03 **Education Supporting Advanced Care Directives (ACD) with Patients**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support the education of all health care providers on the various advanced care directive options available to patients, including the Nevada physician order for life-sustaining treatment.

2023-21 **Death with Dignity**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislative efforts to authorize medical aid in dying, provided that the process is overseen solely by physicians, and provided that physicians shall not be required to prescribe medical aid in dying if it violates personally held ethical principles.

Alcohol and Alcoholism

1991-12 **Substance Abuse Awareness**

That the Nevada State Medical Association pledges a high priority to developing and supporting drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, and treatment programs. (Revised and Adopted in 2000. Reaffirmed 2006, 2012, 2018, 2022)

2005-05 **Eliminate Underage Alcohol Consumption**

That Nevada State Medical Association actively opposes underage drinking by supporting the American Medical Association’s policies and principles. (Reaffirmed 2011)

Alternative (Complementary) Medicine

2017-17 Research of CBD and Other Marijuana Derivatives

That Nevada State Medical Association advocate with Nevada’s congressional delegation for legislation supporting research on the indications, safety, effectiveness, side effects and drug interactions of cannabidiol and other marijuana derivatives;

And, be it further

That the NSMA advocate to the American Medical Association (AMA) that the AMA lobby congress for legislation to support such research.

2019-02 Cannabidiol (CBD) Safety

That the position of NSMA shall be that sound scientific research should be available proving the safety and effectiveness of CBD compounds for medical conditions before they are approved for general distribution and sale in Nevada;

And, be it further

That NSMA advocate for laws and regulations that make it illegal for Nevada merchants to sell CBD containing products, including edibles, that are not tested by an independent laboratory verifying the correct amount of CBD on the product label and that there is no THC or other contaminants in the product.

2019-19 Elective IV Hydration

That the Nevada State Medical Association educate the public that elective intravenous hydration is medically unnecessary, potentially harmful, and strongly discouraged.

Americans with Disabilities Act

2001-19 Communication Barriers

That the Nevada State Medical Association through its AMA Delegates recommend that interpretive/translator services (as required by ADA and CMS) for their patients be provided and paid for by third party payors. (Revised and Adopted in 2007. Reaffirmed 2013 and 2018)

Children and Youth (Including Immunization. See also: “Public Health”)

1993-25 Access to Immunization

That the Nevada State Medical Association state as policy the belief that all third-party payers should include adequate and reasonable coverage for routine pediatric immunizations as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. (Revised and Adopted 2000. Reaffirmed 2009, 2017 and Reaffirmed and revised title 2022)

1999-25 Foster Care

That the Nevada State Medical Association help form a coalition with others who are concerned with the wellbeing of children (e.g., social workers, teachers, etc.) to investigate how to facilitate the legal termination of biological parental rights in a timely fashion, when it is in the best interest of the child. (Reaffirmed 2009. Allowed to expire 2015)

2000-26 Childhood Immunizations

That (1) The Nevada State Medical Association will work with the Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Nevada State Legislature to provide both the resources and the programs necessary, using the recommendations of the Advisory

Committee For Immunization Practices (ACIP) and in accordance with the provisions set forth in the “National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act”, to ensure that all Nevada children are immunized on schedule, thus representing progress in preventive medicine; (2) The NSMA endorses the recommendations on adolescent immunizations developed by the ACIP and approved by both the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics; (3) The NSMA will continue to support state legislation to require that students entering school be adequately immunized according to current national standards and would support legislation to require that students entering middle or junior high school be adequately immunized according to current national standards; and, (4) The NSMA will support voluntary and legislative requirements for coverage by public and private health insurance programs and plans of childhood immunizations using the recommendations of the ACIP and in accordance with the provision set forth in the “National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act”, to ensure that all Nevada children are immunized on schedule. **(Reaffirmed 2006, 2012, 2017 and 2022)**

2011-05 Pertussis Vaccination

*That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the appropriate organizations to encourage that all parents, infant caregivers, and close contacts of an infant receive appropriate pertussis vaccination prior to the infant’s hospital discharge; and That the NSMA urge physicians to identify and immunize all those in their practice who are eligible to receive the pertussis booster vaccine, as recommended by current immunization guidelines. **(Reaffirmed 2017 and 2022)***

2013-08 Child Sex Trafficking

*That the Nevada State Medical Association endorses legislation that will help to alleviate the problem of child sex trafficking in Nevada, and That the NSMA endorses programs that will help to care for the victims of child sex trafficking, including the creation of safe houses and related therapeutic programs, and That the NSMA opposes the imposition of prostitution charges upon victims of child sex trafficking. **(Reaffirmed 2018 and 2023)***

2015-10 Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

That medical exemptions from measles (MMR) and all other immunizations mandated by the State of Nevada or any political subdivision of this state for school attendance require a signed statement from a physician licensed in Nevada supporting each exemption; and, be it further resolved that religious exemptions require a signed statement by clergy or a recognized religious leader of the child’s religion or denomination justifying each exemption; and, be it further resolved that when the annual immunization rate for any school falls below 90%, the health authority in the county of that school must review documentation of exemptions from immunization at such school and revoke exemptions deemed invalid; and, be it further resolved that, when the annual immunization rate for any school falls below 95%, the health authority is encouraged to review documentation of exemptions from immunization at such school and revoke exemptions deemed invalid.

2017-11 Sex Education in Schools

That a consistent, statewide, scientifically valid evidence-based curriculum in sexual education be established that includes the biology of sexual development, pregnancy, reproduction, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual responsibility, and social skills to avoid exploitation, disease, and unwanted pregnancy; and be it further that said curriculum be designed and established by an advisory council consisting of well-qualified professionals in medicine, psychology and education; and be it further that the curriculum be sequential, age-appropriate, and comprehensive.

2017-13 Provision of Albuterol and Utilization of Prescription Medications in Schools

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation in the Nevada legislature in the Nevada legislature authorizing each Nevada school to obtain rescue Albuterol for emergency use by trained personnel; and be it further that students with a prescription on file be Allowed to use their medication as directed at school, under supervision.

2018-15 School Safety

That the Nevada State Medical Association opposes requirements or incentives for teachers to carry firearms on school campuses or in performance of their professional duties.

2018-19 Sex Education in Schools

That our Nevada State Medical Association publicly advocate and actively lobby for legislation to establish a consistent, state-wide, age-appropriate, scientifically valid, evidence-based curriculum that includes the normal, healthy biology of sexual development, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual responsibility, and social skills to avoid exploitation, disease, and unwanted pregnancy; That said curriculum designed and established by an advisory council that includes well qualified professionals in medicine, psychology, and education; that the curriculum be sequential and comprehensive extending from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

2018-23 Psychiatric Oversight of Child and Adolescent Governmental Agency Services

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the general principle of psychiatric leadership over psychiatric matters; that the NSMA support legislation that would implement a pediatric psychiatry quality assurance system that oversees and directs psychiatric care principles for children and adolescents who are under the care of county and state officials and their functionaries.

2019-09 Reimbursement for Immunizations

The Nevada State Medical Association encourages regulatory changes that would require reimbursement for vaccines and their administration during any clinical encounter regardless of the reason for the visit.

2019-10 School and Childcare Documentation of Immunization Exemption

The Nevada State Medical Association encourages legislative and administrative efforts to standardize reporting of immunization exemptions;

And be it further

The NSMA also encourage efforts for the State of Nevada to have a centralized system to monitor and track immunization exemptions.

2020- 22 Alternative for School-Based Health Services

Nevada State Medical Association support legislation and policies that will advance telehealth and teledentistry to improve the health outcomes of Nevada’s vulnerable populations.

And, be it further

That the NSMA encourage medical-dental integration that would introduce dental assessments and the delivery of dental preventive services into a well-check visit to increase value-based patient centered care.

And, be it further

That the NSMA support innovative mechanism to provide preventive medical and dental services focuses on children previously served through school-based health services. This includes medical and dental consultations via an electronic platform, drive-through screening, and small group of home-based delivery of preventive services.

Civil and Human Rights

1997-06 Equal Opportunity

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall provide equal opportunity, rights, privileges, and responsibilities to everyone regardless of race, religion, color, creed ethnic affiliation, national origin, sex or age. (Reaffirmed 2003, 2009, 2015, and 2020)

2018-27 (E) Reducing Harm to Sex Workers

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation that will:

- 1. Establish safe houses with social services, health & addiction care services, including assistance in seeking jobs, training for employment, and housing, for persons exiting the sex work industry.*
- 2. Expunge criminal records of prostitution to facilitate exiting illegal prostitution, including removing the barriers to job application, housing, loans, etc.*
- 3. Repeal laws punishing provision of social, medical, or commercial services to sex workers in exchange for money earned in illegal sex work.*
- 4. Embed social services and counseling for sex workers in police departments.*
- 5. Establish best practices protocols in police departments that focus on A) preventing coercion of and violence toward sex workers, B) identifying underage sex workers and facilitating their exit from prostitution, C) identifying, arresting, and prosecuting traffickers and procurers, and D) identifying adults coerced into prostitution and facilitating their safe exit from prostitution.*
- 6. Prosecute violence against sex workers as a felony; make sex workers a protected class. Enhance investigation and prosecution of human trafficking, pandering, or in any way intimidating adults or children to engage in prostitution,*

AMA delegation from Nevada will bring a resolution to this effect to the AMA house of delegates session.

2019-11 Preventing Anti-Transgender Violence

Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) support efforts to educate the general public, health professionals, legislators and law-enforcement about hate crimes against transgender individuals;

And, be it further

NSMA supports equal access to respectful and safe medical and mental healthcare at the local, state, and federal levels for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex and asexual/allied (LGBTQIA+) individuals.

2019-16 Health, in All Its Dimensions, is a Basic Human Right

Nevada State Medical Association acknowledge healthcare as a basic human right;

And, be it further

That the provision of healthcare services as well as optimizing the social determinants of health is an ethical obligation of a civil society.

Coding and Nomenclature

1998-18 CPT Evaluation and Management Codes

*That the Nevada State Medical Association will work with other physician organizations to define and confirm what constitutes appropriate documentation; and That the NSMA use all available means to ensure appropriate safeguards for physicians, so that documentation or disputed errors in the patient's record that do not meet Evaluation and Management Coding Guidelines, in and of themselves, do not constitute fraud and/or abuse, and That the NSMA use all available means to ensure that the burden of proof for fraud and/or abuse lie with the prosecution; and That any financial adjustments be fairly administered for under coding as well as over coding; and That disputes be addressed through arbitration with the prevailing party receiving reimbursements for expenses from the opposing party. (**Revised and Adopted in 2004. Reaffirmed 2010 and 2017**)*

Drug (Substance) Abuse

1991-12 Substance Abuse Awareness

That the Nevada State Medical Association pledges a high priority to developing and supporting drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention and treatment programs. (Revised 2000 and Reaffirmed 2006 and 2017)

2012-32 Methamphetamine and Synthetic Drugs

That the Nevada State Medical Association continues to support Nevada statutory and regulatory policies to control the access to methamphetamine and will work with the Attorney General and appropriate state boards and agencies to address public education regarding the dangers of this drug; and That the NSMA supports the efforts of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to schedule synthetic drugs that mimics the effects of marijuana, cocaine and other recreational drugs and will work with the Attorney General and appropriate state boards and agencies to address public education particularly to young Nevadans regarding the dangers of these drugs. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2013-07 In the Spirit of Patient Safety, Modification of Patient Satisfaction Survey Questions That May Put Pressure on Physicians in The Workplace to Write for Opioids and Sedative Hypnotic Drugs

That the Nevada State Medical Association be directed to work with the Nevada State Legislature to formulate guidelines for the state patient surveying entities for developing appropriate questions that include patient disclosure of expectation for treatment such as evaluation and management options, including opioid, sedative hypnotic, and antibiotic medication prescriptions, in conjunction with patient satisfaction surveys, and That the NSMA direct the AMA delegation from Nevada to submit a resolution directing the AMA to formulate guidelines for the national patient surveying entities for developing appropriate questions that include patient disclosure of expectation for treatment such as evaluation and management options, including opioid, sedative hypnotic, and antibiotic medication prescriptions, in conjunction with patient satisfaction surveys. (Reaffirmed 2018)

2016-19 Psychoactive Substance Reporting

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the development of a public health system on monitoring, reporting, in the same manner as reportable diseases, and acting on the use of psychoactive substances that have addictive potential and/or may cause serious health issues.

2016-21 Opioid Addiction

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage legislation that all government and private insurance payers offer coverage for evidence based complimentary alternative medicine therapies to help acute and chronic pain patients; and That our AMA delegates take this resolution to the next AMA meeting.

2016-22 Request for the Elimination of Satisfaction Surveys Where Pain is Part of the Complaint or Part of the Diagnosis

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports eliminating the surveying of patients where pain is part of the complaint or part of the diagnosis.

2019-07 A Governor's Opioid and Substance Abuse Task Force

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend that the governor of the State of Nevada appoint a multidisciplinary task force of experts to develop a comprehensive plan to effectively address the epidemic of deaths due to substance use disorders including opioid abuse, in all its dimensions.

2020-20 **Improving Resources for Opiate Use Disorder Treatment at Hospital Discharge**

That the Nevada State Medical Association develops a best practice resource for discharge of patients hospitalized due to opioid use disorder including naloxone distribution, referral for potential counseling and medication assisted therapy;

And, be it further

That the Nevada state medical association seek to work with relevant stakeholders such as the Nevada hospital association, the Nevada chapter of the American college of emergency physicians, and the Nevada society of addiction medicine to develop this resource.

Drugs (Prescription)

2011-04 **Pill Identification**

The Nevada State Medical Association ask the American Medical Association to recommend to drug manufacturers worldwide that they put the name (or unique identifier) of each drug on the medication itself; and That the NSMA ask the AMA to recommend to the publishers of comprehensive lists of medications (such as PDR, EPOCRATES) that they include in their publications a list of these unique identifiers. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2014-15 **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**

That Nevada State Medical Association, in conjunction with the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, will encourage education on the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program with the goal of improving patient safety in Nevada.

2016-15 **Prescription Opioid Abuse and Overdose Problem**

That Nevada State Medical Association work with collaborating community partners to support and engage in education to providers, schools, and the public regarding: safe storage of controlled substances; proper and judicious use of opioids; the dangers of opioids in terms of development of tolerance, respiratory depression and death in overdose; and alternatives to opiates for pain management; and That NSMA encourage increasing the numbers of pain management specialists certified by the American Board Of Medical Specialties; and That NSMA support increased use of Nevada's prescription monitoring program (PMP); and That NSMA support, by working with the state legislature and health insurance companies, health insurance coverage of alternative treatments for chronic pain; and That NSMA work with community partners to encourage development of practical drug take back and destruction programs; and that NSMA encourage physicians and other prescribers to prescribe and educate on the use of naloxone by patients, families and friends of opioid users who are at risk of overdose.

2017-22 **Patient Survey**

That the Nevada State Medical Association president write a letter to the Nevada attorney general and to the governor recommending that purveyors of patient satisfaction surveys in Nevada be engaged to contribute to the resolution of the opioid drug crisis.

2018-03 **Controlled Substances Prescribing**

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for funding of continuing medical education on the safe and effective treatment of patients with chronic pain or substance use disorder; That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for funded research and reporting of the impact on patients and prescribers before and after the implementation of controlled substances laws and regulations, in order to support appropriate improvements in existing public policy.

2019-03 **Import Safe Drugs**

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that the office of the Governor and the Board of Pharmacy implement the requirements of the applicable existing Nevada revised statutes regarding importation of prescription drugs from Canada to Nevada citizens.

Electronic Health Care Records and Electronic Prescribing

2016-06 E-Prescribing

That the Nevada State Medical Association will support and encourage action by the Nevada State Board Of Pharmacy to change the current language of NAC 639.7102 and NAC 639.7105(2) to allow clinical personnel designated by the licensed prescriber to electronically submit new prescriptions in the same manner that they are currently permitted to phone in and fax prescriptions; and That the NSMA work to introduce legislation to change the NRS to permit clinical personnel designated by the licensed prescriber to send new electronic prescriptions on behalf of the providers in the same manner as they are currently permitted to phone in and fax prescriptions.

2018-12 EHR Interoperability

That Nevada State Medical Association requests the AMA to support the efforts of large technology corporations including Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, Salesforce, IBM, Oracle, and others to promote HER interoperability.

2020-12 Public-Private Partnership for a State Health Data Utility

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada Department of Health and Human Services should develop a public-private partnership for a state health data utility regulated by state representatives and operated by the private statewide health information exchange.

Emergency Medical Services

2005-15 Establish A Plan for Stroke Care Throughout Nevada

The Nevada State Medical Association supports the establishment of a comprehensive stroke treatment plan in all areas of the State. (Reaffirmed 2012, 2017, 2022)

2012-34 Support Staffing and Funding for The Nevada Trauma Registry

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommends that the legislature restore full funding to staff and maintain a viable and robust Nevada Statewide Trauma Registry. (Reaffirmed 2017, 2022)

2016-05 Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System Funding for Nevada

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports a revenue proposal that establishes an adequate and sustainable revenue stream via the assessment of one dollar per year for every new and renewed homeowner's and vehicle insurance policy to the Nevada legislature to fund emergency medical services throughout the state; and that the Nevada State Medical Association will work with the Nevada legislature to pass and with the governor's office to sign such legislation.

Ethics

1994-14 Criminalization of Medical Judgment

That the Nevada State Medical Association take all reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that results of medical decision making, exercised in good faith, does not become a violation of criminal law. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, 2015, & 2020)

1996-07(a) Physician Participation in Executions

That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm its policy stating physicians should not participate in executing prisoners. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, and 2015, amended and reaffirmed in 2020)

1998-06 Prohibition of Physicians Selling Medical Hardware and/or Vitamins

That the Nevada State Medical Association endorse the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) report- "Guidelines for physicians regarding sale of non-health related goods". (Revised and Adopted 2004. Reaffirmed 2012, 2017, 2022)

2019-18 Truth in Advertising

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the AMA's reaffirmed support of the "scope of practice partnerships truth in advertising campaign" to ensure patients receive accurate information about who is providing their care;

And, be it further

NSMA oppose any misappropriation of medical specialty titles.

2020-02 Denouncing Racism

That the Nevada State Medical Association stands with the ama recognizing that racism in its systemic, structural, institutional, and interpersonal forms is an ongoing fundamental threat to public health, the advancement of health equity, and a barrier to excellence in the delivery of medical care.

And, be it further

That the NSMA opposes all forms of racism, including racially motivated violence.

And, be it further

The NSMA will actively work with ama to dismantle racist and discriminatory policies and practices across all of health care.

2020-04 Support Movements that Prevent and Eliminate all forms of Sexual Harassment in the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that the state of Nevada, the Nevada state board of medical examiners and Nevada state board of osteopathic medical examiners seek to support victims of sexual harassment and gender bias, and that any substantiated claims past or present against perpetrators working at the Nevada state board of medical examiners and Nevada state board of osteopathic medical examiners result in the immediate removal of individuals who have documented cases of sexual harassment and gender bias.

2020-11 Commitment to Justice

That Nevada State Medical Association supports appropriate police actions and opposes use of excessive force.

2020-13 Racial Disparities in Health Care Training

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada physicians root out racial bias and injustice when training physicians and administering health care.

And, be it further

That NSMA shall encourage county medical societies and medical education programs to include education on racial bias among health care providers and trainees.

Health Care Costs

2018-04 Affordable Drug Prices

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for legislation and policies in Nevada that promote transparent pricing of drugs so that patients can make informed decisions about prescription drugs they purchase; That NSMA shall advocate for legislation and policies in Nevada that prohibit contract language that prevents pharmacists from informing their patients about lower cost drug options; That NSMA shall advocate for legislation and policies in Nevada that prevent anti-competitive practices that are disadvantageous to patients regarding pharmacy benefits.

Health Care Quality

2012-16 Quality Metrics in Colonoscopy

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the Nevada State Board of Health through the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance have Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Licensed Office Settings, and Hospitals in which colonoscopies are performed develop internal peer review processes that measure these same quality metrics and reports them to all participating endoscopists and their peers at that institution. (Reaffirmed 2017,2022)

2017-10 Screening and Referral of Prediabetes Patients

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage Nevada physicians to screen patients and review available resources including the AMA “Prevent Diabetes STAT” program to be provided by the NSMA for prediabetes, and when appropriate refer them to evidence-based diabetes prevention lifestyle management programs.

Health Care System Reform

2003-10 Health Care Access

That the Nevada State Medical Association continue to work with the Nevada State Legislature to improve access to quality health care in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2009, 2015, and 2020)

2011-09 Implementation of Federal Health Reform

That the Nevada State Medical Association will take an active role, both at the federal and state levels, to ensure that implementation of any health care reform is done in a manner so as to protect and enhance the practice of medicine and protect patients. (Reaffirmed 2018 and 2023)

Health Insurance

1998-20 Truth in Insurance Advertising

That the Nevada State Medical Association go on record as supporting clarity in advertisement of medical insurance and medical care; and That NSMA support legislation which restricts or otherwise eliminates misleading advertisement in healthcare. (Reaffirmed 2004, 2012, 2017 and 2022)

2010-06 **Personal Information Demanded by Insurance Companies**

Since insurance companies are able to contact physicians through their businesses, the Nevada State Medical Association will use all means to remove the requirement that a physician provide his/her social security number, home address, home phone number or email address to an insurance company in an effort to prevent identity theft. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2014-14 **Network Transparency**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislative action to require transparency and notification of all providers listed in their provider directory as being contracted to provide services, by any insurer who plans to expand their coverage network or lease their provider network to a new entity, and, that the NSMA support legislative action toward the adoption of the Rental Network Contract Arrangements Model Bill per the conjoined efforts of the AMA and the National Council of Insurance Legislators, November, 2008, which has been adopted in 16 other states.

2015-11 **Silver State Healthcare Exchange and The Affordable Care Act**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support state and federal efforts to continue a state-based health insurance exchange as part of the Affordable Care Act. (Reaffirmed in 2020)

2016-10 **MACRA Payment Reform**

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall offer education and referrals to support services that help Nevada physicians to learn and adopt best practices that result in optimal payments for better quality care consistent with the rules of the Medicare quality payment program and value-based payment programs of other payers.

2016-11 **Narrow Networks**

That the Nevada State Medical Association will work with the Nevada Division Of Insurance on regulatory changes that will help define network adequacy in terms of wait time (time from scheduling an appointment to the actual encounter) to access a physician; and That NSMA will support and promote the transparency of network physician availability and wait times to patients, rather than simply publishing lists of physician providers contracted to provide services for any given plan; and That NSMA support legislation that requires insurance plans to keep accurate and up-to-date lists of physician providers, that these lists shall be updated every six months, and that these lists shall then be validated by the Nevada Division Of Insurance.

2016-24 **MIPS and MACRA**

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to our federal congressional and senate representatives that the merit-based incentive payment system be repealed in those states that are suffering a shortage of physicians.

Health Insurance: Benefits and Coverage

2012-09 **Guarantee Maternity Care Coverage**

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend that all health plans sold in Nevada guarantee the option to essential and uniform maternity care benefits for all women, regardless of where they get their coverage, and that maternity coverage be made portable and renewable. (Reaffirmed 2017, 2022)

2019-15 **Health Coverage Options for All Nevadans**

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for healthcare policies that allow all Nevadans opportunities to obtain affordable healthcare coverage.

2019-23 **Surprise Lack of Insurance Coverage**

That the Nevada State Medical Association and the Government Affairs Commission educate our members on the implications of AB469 (2019);

And, be it further

That NSMA request and encourage the governor's patient protection commission to review and study the effects of AB469 (2019) on network adequacy and patient access to both primary and specialty care.

2023-24, Prior Authorizations: *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall advocate for legislation that would require health plans to institute prior authorization exemption for physicians who have a record of prior authorization approval of greater than 90% in the previous 12 months, and*

Be it further,

That our NSMA council will take action to advance legislation to address this issue, including writing a letter on behalf of the NSMA membership to the Nevada congressional delegation.

Health Insurance-Managed Care

1995-17 Truth in Utilization

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the Nevada Legislature to make it unlawful to withdraw or deny payment or withdraw authorization for previously authorized services provided in good faith. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009 and 2017)

1995-19 Due Process

That the Nevada State Medical Association strongly opposes the practice of de-selection of physicians by MCOs and third-party payer panels without due process including independent arbitration. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, 2015. Amended and reaffirmed in 2020)

1995-20 Due Process and Rating Health Plans

That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislative action to require a due process mechanism regarding grievance procedures for the medical profession and health care insurance enrollees unhappy with care and coverage decisions, and ensure quick, independent review of disputed claims. That legislation be created to provide the medical profession and consumer access to more comprehensive information about health plans including quality, performance, and satisfaction, and provide the medical profession and enrollees with opportunities to offer input in decisions affecting health care. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, and 2015)

1996-12 Third Party Payer Report Card

That Nevada State Medical Association supports the Governor's Office of Consumer Health Assistance, which was created to be a statewide program for collecting and resolving problems and complaints of patients who are being denied access to appropriate medical care by third party payers. NSMA will support any enhancements needed to assure that this mission is accomplished. (Revised and Adopted 2002. Reaffirmed 2008, 2013 and 2018)

1996-13 "Hold Harmless" Clauses

That the Nevada State Medical Association will continue to support legislative efforts to ban hold harmless clauses by third party payers. (Reaffirmed 2002 and 2008, Revised and adopted 2013, Reaffirmed 2018 and 2023)

1996-22 Third Party Payers Be Responsible Financially When Procedure Pre- Authorized

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation mandating third party payers be held responsible for financial obligation for any procedure or service that they have authorized for a patient. (Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, 2013, 2018. Revised and reaffirmed 2023)

1997-20 **Managed Care Treatment Panels**

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports proper peer review of decisions to deny medical care issued by payers for medical care. (Reaffirmed 2003, 2009 and 2017)

1998-25 **Payers Not Regulated by the Division of Insurance in the State of Nevada**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support Congressional action to require that those plans not regulated by the State of Nevada be held to the same standards as those which apply in the “Nevada Patient Protection Act”. (Reaffirmed 2009;2015; Amended and reaffirmed 2020)

1998-26 **De-selection Without Cause**

That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislation assuring that deselected doctors have an appeal process with a fair hearing and termination only for due cause. (Reaffirmed 2004, 2010, 2017 and 2022)

1999-12(a) **Malpractice Suits Against Managed Care Organizations**

That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada State Legislature to support legislation within the State of Nevada to permit a patient to sue his/her insurance company if that patient suffers injury caused by a denial or delay of covered care. (Reaffirmed 2005 and 2011, Revised and reaffirmed 2018. Reaffirmed 2023)

2005-12 **Insurance Company Fees**

That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislation that a penalty be paid to the physician for each claim that an insurance company pays less than the contracted rate. (Reaffirmed 2011, 2018 and 2023)

2006-06 **Health Insurance Open Access**

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the State Insurance Commissioner and Legislature to investigate limitation of access to care because of exclusive provider contracts. (Reaffirmed 2012, 2017 and 2022)

2007-18 **Prevention of Economic Profiling**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation to prevent the use of economic profiling or credentialing. (Reaffirmed 2013, 2018 and 2023)

Hospitals and Health Care Facilities

2000-12 **Hospital Selected Prosthetics**

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports a policy of the use of implants, prostheses, or other medical devices with balanced considerations given to concepts of local economics and quality patient outcomes. (Reaffirmed 2006, 2012, 2018 and 2023)

2000-13 **Fixed Nurse/Patient Ratios**

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the adoption of policies, including legislation, that would assure an adequate supply of professional nursing services in Nevada through appropriate retention, recruitment, and training initiatives. (Revised and Adopted 2006. Reaffirmed 2012, 2017 and 2022)

2008-18 **Creation of Electronic Database for Hospital Accepting Transferred Patients**

That Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada Hospital Association to create a real time electronic database that would show availability of the various specialties in hospitals around the State. (Reaffirmed 2013)

2012-23 **Caregivers in Group Homes for The Mentally Ill and Elderly**

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance to adopt regulations to give group home caregivers the option of being trained and licensed to provide blood pressure and glucose checks without having to involve a home health agency. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2014- 17 Hospital Pharmacy Limitations on Dispensing of Medications for Home Use

That the Nevada State Medical Association contact and lobby the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to request a change in regulations, or a waiver, for current inpatient hospital pharmacies to allow the dispensation of medications used in outpatient procedures to outpatients for continued medical therapy post- operatively, and that the NSMA bring this concern regarding dispensation of intra-op medications to outpatients to the attention of the Nevada Hospital Association for consideration of options to resolve this matter.

2018-06 Reducing Physician Burnout from Unnecessary Administrative Requirements

That Nevada State Medical Association support policies that eliminate prior authorizations.

2020-17 Appropriate Vaccinations for Employees of Long-Term Care Facilities and Hospitals

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate for legislation or regulatory statute that would require long-term care facilities to offer all CDC/ACIP recommended vaccinations for health care workers to their staff at no cost.

Hospitals: Medical Staff

1991-21 Access to Peer Review Files Maintained by Hospitals

That a physician should be given “timely notice” and opportunity to rebut any entry in the medical staff physician’s personal “peer review” files. That any file maintained by a hospital on a physician should be opened to that physician for inspection during regular business hours upon his oral request. That hospital bylaws should be amended to incorporate the foregoing resolutions. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

2020-19 Hospital Based Pneumococcal Immunization

That all hospitals in Nevada be advised to establish and maintain a program of offering pcv-13 to all unimmunized immunocompromised patients at risk for invasive pneumococcal disease upon hospital discharge

And, be it further

That the program should include counseling to receive ppv-23 one year later, or in the case of asplenia, cochlear implants or cerebrospinal fluid leaks, 8 weeks later,

And, be it further

That the Nevada State Medical Association communicate this proposal to the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), and collaborate with the NHA to develop such a program in all Nevada hospitals.

Hospitals: Medical Staff-Credentialing and Privileges

1991-19 Financial Credentialing

That the Nevada State Medical Association stand against financial credentialing against physicians by hospitals. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, and 2015; Amended and Reaffirmed in 2020)

1992-08 Economic Credentialing

That the Nevada State Medical Association finds that economic data unrelated to quality of care or professional competency should not be used in determining hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments, or clinical privileges.

That the NSMA restates its strong opposition to the practice of “economic credentialing” except in limited circumstances when specified in medical staff bylaws or, if applicable, in accordance with any statutory, regulatory or judicial requirement, but under no circumstances should economic criteria be the sole basis for granting or continuing staff membership privileges. That there must be a review by the hospital medical staff any proposed “exclusive contract” for physician services to assure that there is no adverse impact on the quality or availability of medical care. That the NSMA communicate its policy and concern on economic credentialing on a continuing bases to the Nevada Hospital Association, non-affiliated hospitals, and other appropriate organizations and work with interested groups to develop a process for hearing and resolving disputes involving “economic credentialing”. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, and 2015)

1995-31 Physician Credentialing

That any insurance company or third-party payer, etc. accept as complete credentialing any physician’s unrestricted active staff status at a Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) approved hospital as evidence of appropriate credentialing; none further being required. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

Indigent Care

2015-13 Homeless Veterans and Healthcare

that the Nevada State Medical Association support ongoing local, state, and federal efforts to eliminate homelessness and improve access to healthcare for veterans. (Reaffirmed in 2020)

Licensure and Discipline

1993-05 Combined Medical Boards

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend that the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners develop a dialogue for establishing parity of licensing requirements between the two licensing bodies. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

1994-05 Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

That the Nevada State Medical Association Council explore avenues to recommend to the governor a list of qualified candidates for appointment to the Board of Medical Examiners as vacancies occur and that we work toward a broad representation by specialty and geographical area. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, and 2015)

1995-02 Denial of Homeopathic License

That the Nevada State Medical Association sponsor legislation to prevent persons with revoked allopathic and osteopathic medical licenses from becoming eligible for licenses to practice homeopathy. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

1995-02 Separation of Homeopathic and Traditional Medicine

That the Nevada State Medical Association will support legislation, which maintains the separation of traditional medical care and homeopathic therapy. That NSMA will oppose legislation, which blurs or intermingles these very different health care practices. (Revised and adopted in 2001. Reaffirmed 2009 and 2015)

1998-10 Expansion of Homeopathic Practices

That Nevada State Medical Association opposes the attempts of the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners to expand the scope of practice to include intravenous therapy and prescription authority. (Reaffirmed 2004, 2010, 2017 and 2020)

2001-15 Delineation of Cosmetic vs. Medical Procedures

That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Cosmetology if appropriate, the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the State Board of Health to develop State statutes and/or regulations to address the use of laser equipment, Botox injections, collagen injections, and dermabrasion. (Reaffirmed 2007. Revised and adopted in 2013. Reaffirmed 2018 and 2023)

2006-09 Immunity from Prosecution for The Nevada Health Professionals Assistance Foundation (NHPAF)

The Nevada State Medical Association endorse legislation to revise NRS 49.117 "Review Committee" Defined, and any other applicable peer review statutes, to include the Nevada Health Professional Assistance Foundation. (Reaffirmed 2012, 2017)

2009-09 Nevada Health Professionals Assistance Foundation

That the Nevada State Medical Association urge the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners to continue financial support to the Nevada Health Professionals Assistance Foundation. (Reaffirmed 2017 and 2022)

2011-14 Physician Employment by Non-Physician Entities

That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm its policy to support physician led medical practices and that the Nevada State Medical Association supports state and federal efforts to protect and preserve physician-led patient care; and... That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislation at State and Federal levels to protect and preserve physician-led patient care. (Reaffirmed 2018. Reaffirmed as amended 2023)

2013-05 Physician Licensing

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports efforts which will streamline and improve the physician licensing process at the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. (Reaffirmed 2023)

2013-06 Supervision of Physician Assistants by Physicians

That, in the interest of the public benefit, the Nevada State Medical Association recommends that the supervision of physician assistants by licensed physicians, as stated in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) include the following principles:

- 1. A physician may enter into a written supervisory agreement with no more than three*
- 2. (3) physician assistants.*
- 3. A physician may petition his or her licensing board to enter into a written supervisory agreement with more than three (3) physician assistants, upon showing substantial proof of necessity.*
- 4. A physician assistant may enter into a written supervisory agreement with no more than three (3) licensed physicians.*
- 5. A physician assistant may petition his or her licensing board to enter a written supervisory agreement with more than three (3) licensed physicians, upon showing substantial proof of necessity.*
- 6. Every supervising physician will meet at least monthly with each supervised physician assistant and shall review at least 10% of the patient's medical records under the supervision agreement.*
- 7. When a physician assistant has more than one supervisory agreement, each physician assistant shall write the name of the supervising physician in the medical record, and will notify the supervising physician of the name of the patient, the date, and the location where the patient was seen within 24 hours of the patient being seen by the supervised physician assistant; and That the NSMA recommends that the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine work collaboratively to ensure uniform regulations for the supervision of physician assistants in the Nevada Administrative Code and develop a process for ensuring the compliance of all licensees who enter into such agreements. (Reaffirmed 2023)*

2019-17 **Definition and Use of the Term “Physician”**

Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) adopt and support AMA policy which affirms that the term physician be limited to those people who have a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, or a recognized equivalent physician degree and who would be eligible for an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) residency; and discontinue using the word provider when referring to physicians.

2020-06 **Fair Fees for Interstate Medical Licensure in Nevada**

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada medical and osteopathic licensing boards reduce barriers to access to care for Nevadans by setting their licensing fees at a rate commensurate with the average of neighboring states.

2023-17 **Transparency identification of Health Care Workers**

To provide full transparency, the Nevada State Medical Association encourages licensing boards and institutions to require every person involved with direct patient care to have their degree and role clearly delineated on their professional uniforms and/or name badges.

Medicaid

2020-21 **Medicaid Reimbursement Cuts**

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate for the return of Medicaid reimbursement rates to levels equal to or higher than the fee schedules in place prior to July 2020.

Medical Education and Health Workforce

2011-16 **Residency Review Committee Resident Work Hour Limitation**

That the Nevada AMA delegates submit a resolution at the national meeting of the AMA, to petition the ACGME and the AOA to review its policy on work hour limitations in residency and its effect on competency.

2013-04 **Physician Workforce Shortage**

*That the Nevada State Medical Association supports stabilizing and enhancing Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding in Nevada through encouraging our federal legislators to eliminate the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) GME cap restrictions on Nevada hospitals with GME programs and Nevada hospitals that will implement GME programs; and That the NSMA encourages Nevada hospitals with the capacity to develop GME to such programs, including primary care residencies; and That the NSMA encourages Nevada communities to develop Community Health Center models of GME, as well as more traditional GME programs. **(Reaffirmed 2023)***

2016-07 **Graduate Medical Education**

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the governor to expand the responsibilities and activities of the GME task force, scheduling regular meetings, and providing the governor with comprehensive reports on GME status in our state; and That there be an increased number of and more varied representatives of medical professionals throughout the state on this task force; and That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to renew funding for GME at a minimum of \$5,000,000 per year; and That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend that the funding be expanded beyond primary care to all specialties and subspecialties with provider shortages as defined by standard workforce projections with priority allocated to those specialties and sub specialties with the greatest shortages.

2016-20 **Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support AMA resolution 309.

2017-09 **Stop the Bleed**

That physicians be encouraged to become “stop the bleed” instructors by collaborating with the Nevada chapter of the American College of Surgeons to train citizens and healthcare providers to be able to initiate efforts to stop compressible bleeding until medically trained personnel arrive.

2018-02 **Opioid Education for New Trainees**

That the Nevada State Medical Association and other interested professional organizations encourage medical schools and residency programs in our state to establish an opioid education curriculum for medical students, physicians in training, and practicing physicians; That our Nevada State Medical Association work with and encourage medical schools and graduate medical education in Nevada to include educational information regarding our state laws and regulations pertaining to the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances.

2018-07 **Medical Schools in Nevada**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support the continued funding of public medical education via the existing medical schools in Nevada. That Nevada State Medical Association support the vision and mission of private and public medical schools in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2023)

2018-09 **Residencies and Fellowships in Nevada**

That Nevada State Medical Association advocate for adding and expanding residency and fellowship programs in the state of Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2023)

2019-12 **Clinical Practice Toolkits**

That Nevada State Medical Association medical practice commission review evidence-based toolkits from the AMA and other professional organizations and promote said toolkits on the NSMA website.

Medical Records

2012-03 **Medical Record Fees**

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate rate adjustments for the State disability claimants that truly reflect the cost of producing records in either paper and/or electronic formats or both including postage, notary fees, and other related cost of mailing, such as transportation to the notary and/or post office. (Reaffirmed 2023)

2020-09 **Opt Out of Consent for Health Information Sharing**

That Nevada State Medical Association shall support Nevada legislation to authorize Nevadans to opt out of sharing their clinical information securely with their healthcare providers rather than requiring them to opt in to share their clinical information securely with their health care providers.

Medicare

1995-18 **MCO Medicare**

That the Nevada State Medical Association opposes Federal legislation requiring that all individuals who participate in Medicare must sign an MCO agreement. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

1998-19 **Private Contracts Between a Physician and Medicare Recipient**

That the Nevada State Medical Association through the American Medical Association and our elective Congressional officials work for the restitution of the right of physicians and Medicare recipients to enter into private contracts for medical services without penalty against the physician or the Medicare recipient. (Reaffirmed 2004, 2010 and 2017)

2011-17 **Equal Reimbursement for Outpatient Centers and Hospitals**

That the Nevada AMA delegates submit a resolution at the national meeting of the AMA, to investigate and correct the recent CMS regulations that have shifted patient care from cost effective non-hospital-based settings into higher cost hospital-based centers for identical services.

2013-12 **Medicare Beneficiaries' Access to Healthcare**

That the Nevada State Medical Association aggressively opposes Medicare cuts that harm beneficiaries' access to physicians. (Reaffirmed 2023)

2023-13 **H.R. 2474 the Strengthening Medicare Patients and Providers Act**

That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) council expeditiously develop a plan to strongly urge every doctor in Nevada to advocate for passage of H.R.2474. And

Be it further

That the NSMA president write a letter on behalf of the membership to the Nevada congressional delegation advocating for the passage of this bill by September 30, 2023.

Mental Health and Psychiatric Care

2016-05 **Mental Health**

That the Nevada State Medical Association recognizes mental health disorders as a group of medical conditions that urgently require focused attention in our state. Furthermore, the NSMA urges Nevada to protect and promote the rights of, and to combat, the stigma against persons with mental illness. To this effect our state and federal governments should meaningfully increase the allocation to appropriate level of resources in the management of mental health.

2019-21 **Telemedicine for Mental Health**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support development of a Nevada focused mental health training program in concert with the Nevada Psychiatric Association which includes Nevada culture, laws and resources for physicians and other medical professionals who contract to provide mental health care through telemedicine in Nevada.

Pregnancy

1996-30 **Post-Partum Care**

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the Nevada Legislature that due to the unique characteristics of each mother and her infant the Legislature mandates that only the physician and not third-party payers determine the proper length of stay for mothers and newborns. (Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, 2015 and 2020)

2012-24 **Breast Feeding**

That the Nevada State Medical Association urge physicians to reinforce the AAP and ACOG guidelines for breast feeding and encourage the adoption of the "Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative", which promotes the enduring benefits of breast feeding and human milk for mothers, babies and society. (Reaffirmed 2017)

2017-20 **BDR Maternal Mortality Review Committee Nevada**

That Nevada State Medical Association supports the establishment of a maternal mortality review program to review maternal death and to develop strategies for the prevention of maternal deaths.

Professional Liability Issues

2005-08 **I'm Sorry Law**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation that makes a statement or action of apology, sympathy or benevolence not an admission of liability for any purpose in a civil action suit. (Reaffirmed 2011)

2006-04 **Reinstatement of the Medical Dental Screening Panel (MDSP)**

That the Medical Dental Screening Panel be reinstated. (Reaffirmed 2012, 2017)

2012-18 **Discipline and Certification of Medical Expert Witnesses**

That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm Policy Resolution "2003-14. EXPERT TESTIMONY. That NSMA work with attorneys, physicians and the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and Board of Osteopathic Medicine to establish quality standards for expert medical testimony. (Reaffirmed 2009. Reaffirmed as amended in 2017)

2016-14 **Physician Protection in Standard Care**

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall seek a BDR sponsor for, and lobby as a priority for, an amendment to NRS 630 and 633 which shall state, "neither the Nevada Board Of Medical Examiners, nor the Nevada Board Of Osteopathic Medicine, shall discipline a physician licensee for treating a patient in compliance with an accepted, national standard of care"; and That the NSMA seek legislation to prevent the Board Of Medical Examiners or the Board Of Osteopathic Medicine from disciplining a physician licensee on a case of alleged medical malpractice which has been dismissed or adjudicated as no medical malpractice.

Public Health (See also: Accident Prevention; Accident Prevention: Motor Vehicles; Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome/HIV; Children and Youth; Tobacco; and Violence and Abuse)

1989-14 **Public Education on Hazards of UVA Exposure**

That the Nevada State Medical Association undertake an educational campaign regarding the health hazards of UVA over exposure in Nevada. (Revised and adopted in 2000. Reaffirmed 2009, 2015, and 2020)

1996-26 **Public Health**

That the Nevada State Medical Association will emphasize public health education at every opportunity to counter unhealthy behaviors, in order to improve the health status of Nevadans. (Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, and 2013)

1997-27 **Regulation of Body Piercing**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation that the person performing body piercing is liable for the damage and complications of the person they pierce. That the NSMA support legislation that a minor must be

accompanied by the parent/guardian who will sign the informed consent before piercing can be done. **(Reaffirmed 2003, 2009, 2017 and 2022)**

1997-28 **Water Fluoridation**

*That the Nevada State Medical Association and its component medical societies support legislative efforts to promote community water fluoridation at optimal levels to decrease the incidence of dental caries. **(Reaffirmed 2003, 2009, 2015 and 2020)***

2003-12 **School Vending Machines**

*That Nevada State Medical Association recommends to school boards throughout the State, as well as individual public and private schools, that nutritious foods be added to school vending machines and school menus. **(Revised and adopted 2009. Reaffirmed 2015)***

2004-13 **NSMA and Bioterrorism and Disaster Preparedness**

That Nevada State Medical Association:

- *Support policies that available federal funds awarded are used to enable Nevada to:*
- *Enhance its public health infrastructure, including disease surveillance and reporting activities, to assure that Nevada can respond appropriately to any bio- terror incident or disaster situation; (2) Train physicians and other medical personnel for the early recognition and treatment of diseases caused by the release of biological agents; (3) Implement mechanisms for timely and efficient dissemination of information to the medical community and the public at large; and (4) Acquire the necessary equipment to respond to such an attack.*
- *Will identify the training and educational needs of Nevada physicians regarding bio- terrorism and related threats and will develop or assist in the availability of needed educational opportunities.*
- *Will assist Nevada public health authorities in identifying roles for physician volunteers to assist in the response to bio-terror or other mass exposure and accident situations and will support the implementation of programs like the Medical Reserve Corps.*
- *Will join in working with: the state public health authorities (Nevada State Division of Health, Washoe County Health District, and Southern Nevada Health District), the Carson City Health and Human Services, other appropriate State agencies; the American Medical Association, local, and medical specialty societies; and, others as appropriate to: (1) ensure adequate resources, supplies, and training to enhance the medical and public health response to terrorism and other disasters; (2) develop a comprehensive strategy to assure surge capacity to address mass casualty care; and*

*Implement communications strategies to inform health care professionals and the public about a terrorist attack or other major disaster, including local information on available medical and mental health services. **(Reaffirmed 2006. Reaffirmed as amended in 2011)***

2007-13 **Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning (See also: “Children and Youth”)**

*That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the routine screening of children for elevated lead levels prior to school entry; and That the NSMA supports mandatory reporting of all elevated blood lead levels to local public health authorities; and That the NSMA supports efforts to educate health professionals and the public regarding the importance of screening for blood lead levels, the risks of elevated blood lead levels, and the methods for eliminating sources of lead exposure. **(Reaffirmed 2013)***

2007-14 **Medical Reserve Corps**

*That Nevada State Medical Association support ongoing development of the Medical Reserve Corps and will educate the members regarding the importance of participation and registration. **(Reaffirmed 2013)***

2008-09(a) **Sugary Drinks and Unhealthy Snacks in Schools and Child/Adolescent Obesity (See also: “Children and Youth”)**

That the Nevada State Medical Association pursue legislation requiring schools to sell only drinks that are composed of no less than 50% fruit juice or vegetable juice, have no added sweetener, contain milk with reduced fat content, or drinking water with no added sweetener as recommended by the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Family Physicians; and That the NSMA pursue legislation regulating snacks sold in schools. These snacks, as recommended by the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the American Academy of Family Physicians shall not contain more than 35% of calories derived from fat (excluding nuts, nut butter, seeds, and cheese), no more than 10% of calories from saturated fat, no more than 35% of total weight be composed of sugar (excluding fruits and vegetables), and not exceed 250 calories per individual food item; and... That these restrictions do not apply to the USDA meal program. (Reaffirmed 2013)

2008-24 Provider Reimbursement for Vaccines (See Also: “Children and Youth”)

That Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation to guarantee provider reimbursement for vaccines in accordance with their costs. (Reaffirmed 2013)

2011-03 Public Health Threat of High Calorie Sweeteners

That the Nevada State Medical Association advise the public that extensive and increasing consumption of foods and drinks containing high caloric sweeteners, including high fructose corn syrup threatens the health of Nevadans; and That the NSMA support policies, programs and initiatives directed at reducing consumption of high caloric sweeteners, including high fructose corn syrup and to educate the public regarding healthy food choices.

2011-06 HPV Vaccination

That the Nevada State Medical Association support policies and programs to optimize HPV vaccination rates in males and females and to support patient education outreach and follow up; and That the NSMA encourage the distribution of educational resources regarding HPV vaccinations to its members, in addition to nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other allied health professionals; and That the NSMA encourage and support legislative action to provide health insurance coverage for HPV vaccinations for male and female patients per CDC recommendations.

2012-20 Pneumococcal Disease Vaccination

That the Nevada State Medical Association support a public health campaign that aims to encourage and enable all Nevadans who meet appropriate criteria to become vaccinated against pneumococcal disease. (Reaffirmed 2017 and 2022)

2013-09 Condom Use in Films

That the Nevada State Medical Association endorses regulation and legislation requiring the use of condoms in sexually explicit scenes for films made in Nevada; and that our AMA Delegates take a similar resolution to the next AMA meeting for the consideration of other States.

2014-04 High Risk Preterm Infant Follow-Up

That the Nevada State Medical Association support the development of a state-wide program to enroll all preterm infants in a comprehensive NICU follow-up program to provide periodic assessments, data collection and analysis of multidisciplinary assessments to evaluate their long-term outcomes and prognoses; and, that the NSMA support legislation to assist in the creation of the NICU follow-up program. (Reaffirmed in 2019)

2016-02 Background Check Initiative – Question 1

That Nevada State Medical Association support the background check initiative, also known as question 1, on the November 2016 ballot by publicly endorsing the background check initiative and by encouraging our members and Nevada voters to vote yes on question 1 in the November 2016 election.

2016-03 Climate Change and Public Health

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislative and regulatory efforts to meaningfully reduce the following four main power plant emissions: mercury, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide; and That the NSMA support

legislative and regulatory efforts to increase renewable energy capacity and energy efficiency measures in order to further the public health of Nevadans; and That the NSMA supports inclusion of health cost analysis in future legislative and regulatory analysis of power generation from fossil fuel and renewable sources.

2016-09 Injury Prevention – Firearm Injuries

That our Nevada State Medical Association immediately make a public statement that gun violence represents a public health crisis which requires a comprehensive public health response and solution (directive to take action); and That our Nevada state medical association support AMA actively lobbying congress to lift the gun violence research ban.

2016-13 Paul Gann Blood Safety Act

Nevada State Medical Association with its collaborating community partners provide and support education of patients and healthcare providers about the safety of blood products and the benefit of releasing autologous blood screened for general use; and that the Nevada State Medical association advocates for the American Medical Association to study and recommend beneficial changes to the “Paul Gann blood safety act.”

2016-17 Zika Virus Research

The Nevada State Medical Association strongly advocates for the us congress to fund critical research on the zika virus including prevention, mosquito abatement, family planning, and newborn management.

2016-23 Web IZ

That the Nevada State Medical Association work with Web IZ to identify barriers to all providers administering immunizations using web IZ and help to figure out solutions that will make Web IZ used universally; and That the Nevada State Medical Association help to facilitate offices using electronic health records to be able to connect to Web IZ via direct interfaces or interfaces through a health information exchange.

2016-25 Obesity Epidemic

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage Nevada physicians to measure height, weight, BMI and when appropriate waist circumference on their patients. If unhealthy parameters are identified, the patient should be informed, and appropriate referral or treatment should be recommended; and That Nevada state medical association support legislative and regulatory agencies and councils to improve the level of health parameters amongst Nevadans; and that the Nevada state medical association support legislation to reinstate BMI measurements in schools; and That we have as our goal to make Nevada the most improved state in the nation on obesity rankings by 2019.

2016-26 Secondhand Marijuana Smoke and the NCIAA

Because secondhand marijuana smoke is a public health concern, that the same regulations afforded by the NCIAA applying to secondhand tobacco smoke be amended to also apply to secondhand marijuana smoke; and that these policy positions regarding second hand marijuana smoke be communicated to the appropriate state, county, and local agencies as a public health concern.

2017-14 Antibiotic Stewardship

That Nevada State Medical Association shall promote consumer and antibiotic prescriber’s knowledge and understanding of proper uses of antibiotics to reduce the prevalence of infections resistant to antibiotics and complications of their use.

2018-16 Firearm Safety

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall supports legislation that requires firearms, when stored, be kept unloaded and secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper resistant mechanical lock or other safety device.

2018-17 Enforced Universal Background Checks for Gun Purchases

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall encourage enforcement of legislation that requires all gun purchasers to pass a background check except as exempted by law.

2018-24 Public Health Funding

That the Nevada State Medical Association support adequate funding for governmental public health through increased direct funding to Nevada health departments and districts.

2019-05 The Climate Change Lecture for Nevada Medical School(s)

That Nevada State Medical Association will encourage and support adding topics of climate change and environmental responsibilities into our Nevada medical school curricula.

2019-06 Climate Change and Public Health

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocates that the AMA and our Nevada congressional delegation promote federal legislation and funding to implement comprehensive evidence-based approaches to mitigate and adapt to climate change to protect and promote the health and well-being of the public.

And, be it further

That NSMA promotes the implementation of evidence-based actions to mitigate and adapt to adverse health effects of temperature extremes to Nevada's city and county governance.

2020-14 Wearing a Mask for the Benefit of Public Health

That Nevada State Medical Association support wearing a mask as outlined by the CDC.

2020-18 Curbing the Urban Heat Island Effect in Nevada Cities

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate climate action plans to reduce the urban heat island effect, as well as our contribution to greenhouse gases, e.g. methane and carbon dioxide,

And, be it further

That such climate action plans may include increasing green canopy to 25% of each city's land area; cool roofs, cool pavement technology, and high albedo in new construction; cool shelters for the vulnerable during heat waves, deployment of technology to reduce methane emissions from wastewater treatment plants and landfills; and reducing carbon emissions from vehicular fleets,

And, be it further

That the NSMA engage with the mayor and city councils of Nevada's Major cities, and the governor of Nevada, in advancing such climate action plans.

2023-15 Support Clean Transportation

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports policies at all levels of government that speed transition to low emissions vehicles, enhance public transportation, and increase opportunities for safe walking, bicycling, and other non-vehicular transportation.

2023-14 Health Sector Decarbonization and Sustainability

That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) supports a goal of health sector decarbonization to improve planetary health, and

Be it further,

NSMA supports and promotes members and their institutions to reduce waste in clinical care and reduce health sector carbon emissions, and

Be it further,

NSMA commits to engaging its members in further discussion about health sector sustainability.

(Public) Health Education

1991-10 CPR for Newborns

That Nevada State Medical Association encourage CPR training of new and expectant parents. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

1992-17 Provision of Health Care and Parenting Classes for Adolescent Parents

That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) supports measures that increase the number of parenting programs within school setting. That NSMA support programs directed towards increasing high school graduation rates, improving parenting skills, and decreasing future social service dependence of teenage parents. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2005 and 2011. Revised and adopted 2023)

1995-28 Sex Education in Schools

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports sex education in sexual reproduction and sexual transmitted diseases beginning by at least the sixth grade in all K-12 schools. (Revised and adopted in 2001. Reaffirmed 2009 and 2015)

1995-30 Mandatory Exercise K-12

That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the State Board of Education and to private schools that exercise, according to guidelines of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, but at least 30 minutes daily in all K-12 schools. (Revised and adopted in 2001. Reaffirmed 2006, 2012, 2017 and 2022)

2015-12 Contraception and The Affordable Care Act

That Nevada State Medical Association support state and federal efforts to require the inclusion of all FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization as mandated health benefits, without copayments. (Reaffirmed as amended 2020)

2015-16 Sex Education

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation for comprehensive education on sexual health, in all schools and grade levels, that is non-discriminatory and includes only evidence-based, medically accurate information; and That the curriculum should be age appropriate and updated as needed. The curriculum should include, but not be limited to, information on: healthy behavior, including prevention of exploitation and sexual violence; reproduction, including proper anatomic language; contraception, including abstinence and long-acting reversible contraception (LARC); and sexually transmitted infection, including HIV; and That the NSMA recommends that sexual health education be provided by individuals appropriately trained in sexual health, including school teachers and healthcare professionals. (Reaffirmed in 2020)

2017-06 Obesity Education-Recognizing and Taking Action in Response to the Obesity Crisis

That the Nevada State Medical Association make the AMA Obesity Education Report available on the NSMA website for use by medical students, residents, teaching faculty, practicing physicians, and other health care providers. And be it

further, that the NSMA partner with local and state organizations advocating for prevention of chronic disease, including obesity education, evaluation, and treatment, to advance programs that benefit patients.

2017-21 **Patient Education Firearm Injury Prevention**

That Nevada State Medical Association support AMA House of Delegates Resolution 419 (referenced below). And be it further, that NSMA provide to its members and make available on the website appropriate materials to healthcare providers to utilize and to counsel patients on this subject. Reference AMA HOD Resolution 419 “Resolved, That our American Medical Association work with appropriate stakeholders to develop state-specific guidance for physicians on how to counsel patients to reduce their risk for firearm-related injury or death, including guidance on when and how to ask sensitive questions about firearm ownership, access, and use, and clarification on the circumstances under which physicians are permitted or may be required to disclose the content of such conversations to family members, law enforcement, or other third parties.”

2017-28 **Recreational Marijuana**

That the Nevada State Medical Association endeavor to educate the citizens of our state, as well as our state legislators and governor about the evidence-based health and public safety consequences of recreational marijuana use. (Reaffirmed as amended 2022)

2023-22 **Sex Education in Public Schools**

That the Nevada State Medical Association will support changing the requirement for sex education from opt in to opt out.

Public Health-Radiation and Nuclear Waste

1995-06 **Nuclear Waste Storage**

That the Nevada State Medical Association strongly oppose any shipment of high-level nuclear waste material to the State of Nevada until it can be scientifically demonstrated that it will not be hazardous to the health and public safety of the citizenry of Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

2000-24 **Potassium Iodide**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support the stockpiling of potassium iodide as is recommended by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make available potassium iodide to protect Nevadans from thyroid radiation contamination and prevent the development of thyroid cancer in case of a nuclear accident. (Reaffirmed 2006, 2012, 2017 and 2022)

Suicide (Physician Assisted Suicide Policies are discussed under Ethics)

1989-13 **Teenage and Senior Suicide**

That the Nevada State Medical Association support all elements in the development of programs to reduce the high rate of teenage and senior adult suicide in Nevada. (Revised and adopted in 2000. Reaffirmed 2009, 2015 and 2020)

Taxes

2000-30 **Tax on Services**

That Nevada State Medical Association express opposition to any proposed tax on services that include medical and health services and make this opposition part of our legislative strategy; and That NSMA work to defeat any attempt to tax physician services. (Reaffirmed 2006. Revised and adopted 2012, reaffirmed 2017)

Telehealth

2016-27 Telehealth and Digitized Pathology Services

That action be taken by the Nevada State Medical Association, either legislatively or through the regulatory process, to restrict the primary and second opinion diagnostic evaluations from digitized pathological images through telehealth, until such time that the reliability and predictive value of such services can be scientifically demonstrated to be equal to or better than traditional pathologic interpretation in widely accepted peer-reviewed processes.

2020-05 Compensation for Telemedicine Services

That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada approve legislation and regulations authorizing telehealth payments at rates equal to in-person visits.

Tobacco

2000-16 Tobacco (Tribal Smoke Shops)

That Nevada State Medical Association encourage tribal smoke shops to prohibit tobacco sales to minors; and That NSMA support federal initiatives to decrease tobacco use in tribal areas. (Reaffirmed 2006. Revised and adopted 2012. Reaffirmed in 2019, Revised and Adopted 2022)

2000-17 (Revised) NSMA Tobacco Policy

That the Nevada State Medical Association adopts the following basic tobacco policy statement for inclusion in the NSMA Policy Compendium and for use in developing NSMA legislative priorities.

NSMA's Basic Tobacco Policy and Strategy

- 1. That the Nevada State Medical Association shall adopt a plan "NSMA Comprehensive Tobacco Strategy For Nevada"; and, that the NSMA supports every reasonable effort to reduce the use of tobacco, including in the following order of priorities: (1) Seeking increased taxation on all tobacco products (including the equivalent of at least an additional \$1 dollar per package of cigarettes) and increased license fees for the sale of tobacco products; (2) Seeking legislation to ban all tobacco advertising in all media in Nevada; (3) Supporting increased enforcement of anti- tobacco laws; (4) Seeking legislation to increase penalties for tobacco law violations (including penalties for illegal possession of tobacco products by youths equivalent to current statutes regarding alcohol); (5) Seeking legislation or regulation with more restrictive licensing requirements for tobacco retailers; (6) Seeking enforceable legislation to eliminate vending machine sales of tobacco; (7) Supporting increased public education concerning the consequences that the decision to smoke is harmful to one's health; (9) Increased public and school education concerning the methods of tobacco companies to recruit and addict new smokers and encouraging youth led programs to counter those efforts; (9) Developing and encouraging a physician continuing education program aimed at incorporating tobacco cessation practice standards and information into physician practices;(10) Banning the sale of individual cigarettes including individually packaged cigarettes; (11) Supporting public and school-based education efforts regarding the risks of smokeless tobacco products; and (12) Supporting the regulation of electronic cigarettes and similar drug delivery devices.*
- 2. Increase Tobacco Related Taxes and Fees*
That NSMA supports public policies which make tobacco products less attractive to all potential users, particularly youth, and since there is scientific support for increasing tobacco product pricing to discourage youth purchases of tobacco products, NSMA supports increasing Nevada tobacco related taxes to include increased fees for tobacco retailers, the equivalent of a one dollar per cigarette pack excise tax on each pack of cigarettes and significant tax increases on cigars, pipe tobacco and smokeless tobacco product products; and, that NSMA supports the dedication of these State revenues to a comprehensive Nevada tobacco cessation and reduction strategy.
- 3. Smoking in Public Places*

That the NSMA support full implementation of the “Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act” and opposes any court or legislative action to weaken the Act. The NSMA support legislation to prohibit tobacco use in all public areas and all public buildings; to ban smoking within 50 feet of every entrance of all health care facilities; and, to eliminate cigarette vending machines,

4. *Tobacco Lobbying*

That the NSMA will encourage campaign finance reform legislation requiring the public disclosure of all monies donated to campaigns directly, or to caucuses or to parties, from the tobacco industry; and, encourage the wide dissemination of this information through the Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition or other coalitions of anti-tobacco organizations.

5. *Tobacco Settlement*

That the NSMA Commission on Public Health shall develop and revise as appropriate a policy recommending how funds from the national tobacco Master Settlement Agreement be spent, that this plan shall be included in the “NSMA Comprehensive Tobacco Strategy for Nevada”.

6. *Smokeless Tobacco*

That, since the growing use of smokeless tobacco products presents an unnecessary public health risk to Nevadans, particularly Nevada youth, NSMA encourages the Nevada State Division of Health and Department of Education to conduct a significant public education campaign on the dangers of smokeless tobacco; and, that NSMA shall support legislation prohibiting the use of smokeless tobacco in: facilities and areas in which youths are permitted access; State workplaces; and, by participants in any organized athletic programs.

7. *Federal Support of The Tobacco Industry*

That the NSMA supports the elimination of any federal funds to support the tobacco industry in an effort to achieve the Surgeon General’s goal of creating a “smoke-free” society; and, That the NSMA facilitate the public disclosure of the voting record of our elected officials in support of the tobacco industry. (Reaffirmed 2006. Revised and adopted 2011. Reaffirmed 2012, incorporated into 2012-28)

Tobacco: Prohibitions on Sale and Use

2001-16 Prohibition of Tobacco Use in Grocery Stores and Restaurants

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation prohibiting tobacco use in restaurants not serving alcohol, in restaurants geared towards children, and in grocery stores. (Reaffirmed 2007, 2017 and 2022)

2017-12 Tobacco 21

That the Nevada State Medical Association lobby the interim health committee and the legislature in support of the “Tobacco 21 Program” disallowing the sale of cigarettes, E-cigarettes, and other tobacco-containing products to those under 21 years of age.

Violence and Abuse (See also: Public Health)

2002-08 Electronic Game Violence

The Nevada State Medical Association supports measures and/or legislation to prevent the sale and rental of games rated “M” (mature, for ages 17 and older) and “AO” (adults only) to persons under the age of 17. (Revised and Adopted 2008. Reaffirmed 2013. Reaffirmed as amended in 2023)

2017-08 Orders for Protection Against Persons at High Risk for Domestic Abuse and Other Violent Crime

That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage Nevada judges through education to issue orders of protection against persons at high risk for domestic abuse and other violent crime based on violent behavior at the request of a law enforcement officer, partner, friend or family member. And be it further, that such orders include prohibition of firearm possession for the duration of the order. And be it further, that the president of NSMA issue a letter of concern regarding these issues advocating such orders of protection be addressed to the chairs of the judiciary committees of the Nevada State Assemble and Senate. (Reaffirmed 2022)

2018-14 Gun Violence

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports making it unlawful to sell guns to persons below age 21 years.

2018-20 Red Flag Law

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate and actively lobby for legislation similar to SB 387 of 2017 providing for restraining orders against persons at high risk for violent behavior based on prior history that includes prohibition of possession of firearms and relinquishment of firearms they may possess for the duration of the order; that the Nevada state medical association collaborate with other such advocacy groups as may endorse such a law.

NSMA: Administration and Organization

1997-02 Policy Compendium

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall maintain and update yearly, a policy compendium modeled after the AMA Policy Compendium organized by subject. (Revised and reaffirmed in 2003. Reaffirmed 2009, 2015 and 2020)

1999-03 Expiration of House of Delegates Policy Resolutions

That the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates adopts as a permanent rule the following: NSMA House of Delegates resolutions, which are not reaffirmed by action of the House within five years of adoption expire as NSMA policy. All affected resolutions will be reviewed by the NSMA Council, which will present the House with a report regarding those resolutions, which should be considered for deletion. The remainder will be considered reaffirmed. (Reaffirmed 2005 and 2011, 2017,2022)

2003-07 NSMA Membership

The Nevada State Medical Association develop new mechanisms to convince all active medical practitioners licensed in the State of Nevada of the need for their membership and financial support of the activities of the Nevada State Medical Association and its County Societies from which they benefit. (Reaffirmed 2012, 2017 and 2022)

2005-02 Media Training

That Nevada State Medical Association provide periodic media training classes for its officers and spokespersons, and... That the County Medical Societies be encouraged to do the same. (Reaffirmed 2011, Amended and reaffirmed 2018. Reaffirmed 2023)

2012-02 Membership Dues Billing Practices and Services for Nevada State and County Medical Organizations

That the Nevada State Medical Association develop and implement an on-line credit card payment service as a convenient means by which physician can make payment to NSMA. (Reaffirmed in 2017)

2014-07 NSMA Membership and Long-Term Planning

That the Nevada State Medical Association rename the Long Term Planning Commission to the Long Term Planning and Membership Commission; and, that the NSMA Long Term Planning and Membership Commission will be co-chaired by leadership from the county medical societies and that the NSMA Long Term Planning and Membership Commission shall

include representatives from county medical societies, chairs of the Membership Committees of all county medical societies; as well as leaders and representative members of NSMA from throughout the state. **(Revised and reaffirmed in 2019)**

2017-23 Payments for Quality

That the Nevada State Medical Association shall provide resources on its website for NSMA members to access relevant up to date education and tools to enable payments for excellent quality of care and service.

2017-24 Physician and Medical Staff Bill of Rights

That Nevada State Medical Association adopt and circulate the 2017 AMA Physician and Medical Staff Bill of Rights.

2018-13 Group Discounts

*That the Nevada State Medical Association house of delegates supports providing a group membership discount rate. **(Reaffirmed 2023)***

NSMA: Council, Commissions and Task Forces

2003-11 Non-English Resources

*That Nevada State Medical Association support to identify and promote resources that can help health care providers in Nevada communicate with Non-English-speaking patients. **(Reaffirmed 2009 and 2015; Amended and Reaffirmed 2020)***

2016-28 Finance Committee

That the finance committee be designated as an official Nevada State Medical Association standing committee to be co-chaired by the treasurer and secretary; and that the members of the finance committee shall include the NSMA president, president-elect, and other members to maintain balanced representation from the entire state; and That the NSMA bylaws be updated to recognize the finance committee as a standing committee.

2016-29 Finance Committee

That the bylaws shall be amended to provide that the Nevada State Medical Association council bears the authority to direct the investments; That the finance committee shall regularly review the investment portfolio and shall put forth recommendations on matters pertaining to the NSMA council for approval.

2017-18 Evidence Based Administrative Requirements

That the Nevada State Medical Association establish a task force under the medical practice commission advocating for elimination of administrative rules, regulations, reports, and documents where there is no evidence, they add value to patient care and health outcomes from the perspective of patients.

2017-27 Patient Financial Assistance

That members of Nevada State Medical Association agree to reduce medical charges to the patients of Nevada who have no insurance by 10-30% from their list prices. And be it further, that the members of NSMA agree to work with all patients who, for documented financial reasons have difficulty paying their bills, to enter into a contract whereby their bills are additionally reduced equal to a sum of what they pay on a monthly basis. And be it further, that the physicians' offices track the amount they are writing off monthly and report that amount to NSMA on a quarterly basis so that the NSMA can tabulate the money saved for patients by the doctors of NSMA. The amount of money saved over time can then be used to demonstrate how the physicians of Nevada are trying to help patients and keep the cost of healthcare down in Nevada. And be it further, that physicians who enter into this contract will be acknowledged on the NSMA webpage and given a document that they can display in the office or use for advertising in order to make available to the citizens of Nevada the groups of doctors who are working to help ease the burden of healthcare on citizens of Nevada.

2017-29 **Amended Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

That the Nevada State Medical Association continues to support AMA resolution 309 (2016) (staff to include a copy in compendium). And be it further, that the NSMA work to promote alternative recertification pathways, and work with payers, hospitals, and other healthcare organizations to recognize these alternative pathways. And therefore, be it further, that the NSMA will work with the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners and the Nevada Hospital Association to obtain official approval, acceptance, and promotion of these alternative pathways within the state of Nevada.

NSMA: Political Action

1993-09 **Physicians Voting Registration** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with component medical societies in identifying the physician’s voting district, as well as the physician’s legislative representatives, to achieve an ongoing dialogue on the issues, how they affect the physicians, and where their representatives stand on these issues. (Reaffirmed 2000, 2009, 2015, and 2020)*

1996-03 **Legislative Activity by Physicians**

That Physicians have a duty and are hereby encouraged to participate in the political process by becoming informed; voting; supporting candidates with time, money, and word of mouth; by educating legislators on issues and by becoming candidates themselves. That the Nevada State Medical Association especially encourage and support physicians and spouses to run for office at some point. (Reaffirmed 2002, 2009, 2015 and 2020)

2001-03 **Key Contact for Legislators**

That State and Federal legislators from Nevada have a Nevada State Medical Association member(s) assigned to them as a “key contact” in order to facilitate communication after each federal and state election. (Reaffirmed 2007, 2013 . Revised and reaffirmed 2023)

2007-07 **County and State Medical Association Group Membership Participation Drive**

That Nevada State Medical Association encourage the county medical societies to work with contact members from various medical groups to maximize membership. (Reaffirmed 2013. Reaffirmed as amended in 2023)

2007-08 **Common Legislative Goals Partnership for Specialty Physician Groups with The Nevada State Medical Association**

That the Nevada State Medical Association continue to facilitate communication with the key contacts of the major specialty societies to reach common legislative goals and to provide needs that may differ by specialty. (Revised and adopted 2013. Reaffirmed as amended in 2023)

2014-03 **Inadequate Mental Health Funding**

That the Nevada State Medical Association lobby for increased funding within the Nevada State budget to provide adequate mental health and substance abuse treatment by increasing the number of facilities and qualified mental health professionals. (Revised and reaffirmed in 2019)

2015-04 **Health Professional and Patient Protection**

That Nevada State Medical Association work to support the legislation in Nevada that includes the following principles:

- 1) The state or any political subdivision of the state shall not require a health care professional to provide a patient with:
 - a. Information that is not medically accurate and appropriate for the patient.**
- 2) A medical service in a manner that is not evidence-based and appropriate for the patient. The state or any political subdivision of the state shall not prohibit a health care professional from:
 - a. Providing a patient with information that is medically accurate and appropriate for the patient.*
 - b. Providing a patient with a medical service that is evidence-based and appropriate for the patient.**

- c. *Asking and discussing any question relevant to patient care.*
- 3) *Nothing in this section of the proposed bill alters existing professional standards of care nor abrogates the duty of a health care professional to meet the applicable standards of care.*
- 4) *Definitions: “evidence based.” Proven effective through appropriate empirical analysis. “medically accurate” information which is:*
 - a. *Verified or supported by the weight of medical research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods.*
 - b. *Recognized as correct and objective by leading medical organizations with relevant expertise; or,*
 - c. *Recommended by or affirmed in the medical practice guidelines of a nationally recognized accrediting organization. (Amended and reaffirmed 2020)*

2017-16 Anesthesia Assistants

That Nevada State Medical Association endorse any future legislation similar to SB210 (2017) that allows anesthesia assistants to practice under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist.

2017-25 Physician Work Options & Flexibility in Nevada

That the Nevada State Medical Association endorse the concept of mutually acceptable employment with other specialty groups for board certified/board eligible physicians. And be it further, that the NSMA endorse the concept of being able to sit for and take another specialty board exam without the completion of a full additional residency.

2017-26 Vector Surveillance & Control Funding for Nevada

That the Nevada State Medical Association supports a comprehensive revenue proposal that establishes an adequate and sustainable revenue stream via a permanent funding mechanism to fund vector surveillance and control throughout Nevada. And be it further, that the NSMA will work with the Nevada legislature to pass, and with the governor’s office, to sign such legislation. (Reaffirmed 2022)

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3. **1991-10 CPR for Newborns:** *That Nevada State Medical Association encourage CPR training of new and expectant parents. (Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)*
4. **1991-12 Substance Abuse Awareness:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association pledges a high priority to developing and supporting drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, and treatment programs.*
5. **1991-19 Financial Credentialing:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association stand against financial credentialing against physicians by hospitals. (Reaffirmed 2015; Amended and Reaffirmed 2020)*
6. **1991-21 Access to Peer Review Files Maintained by Hospitals:** *That a physician should be given “timely notice” and opportunity to rebut any entry in the medical staff physician’s personal “peer review” files. That any file maintained by a hospital on a physician should be opened to that physician for inspection during regular*

business hours upon his oral request. That hospital bylaws should be amended to incorporate the foregoing resolutions. **(Reaffirmed 2015 & 2020)**

7. **1992-08** **Economic Credentialing:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association finds that economic data unrelated to quality of care or professional competency should not be used in determining hospital medical staff appointments, reappointments, or clinical privileges. That the NSMA restates its strong opposition to the practice of “economic credentialing” except in limited circumstances when specified in medical staff bylaws or, if applicable, in accordance with any statutory, regulatory or judicial requirement, but under no circumstances should economic criteria be the sole basis for granting or continuing staff membership privileges. That there must be a review by the hospital medical staff any proposed “exclusive contract” for physician services to assure that there is no adverse impact on the quality or availability of medical care. That the NSMA communicate its policy and concern on economic credentialing on a continuing bases to the Nevada Hospital Association, non-affiliated hospitals, and other appropriate organizations and work with interested groups to develop a process for hearing and resolving disputes involving “economic credentialing”. **(Reaffirmed 2015)***
8. **1992-17** **Provision of Health Care and Parenting Classes for Adolescent Parents:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association seek to increase the number of adolescent parenting programs within school settings which provide health care for infants and mothers, and child development classes, in addition to current high school courses. That the NSMA support programs directed towards increasing high school graduation rates, improving parenting skills, and decreasing future social service dependence of teenage parents.*
9. **1993-05** **Combined Medical Boards:** *That Nevada State Medical Association recommend that the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners develop a dialogue for establishing parity of licensing requirements between the two licensing bodies. **(Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)***
10. **1993-09** **Physicians Voting Registration:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with component medical societies in identifying the physician’s voting district, as well as the physician’s legislative representatives, to achieve an ongoing dialogue on the issues, how they affect the physicians, and where their representatives stand on these issues. **(Reaffirmed 2020)***
11. **1993-19** **Nevada Health Promotion Month:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation to promote a Nevada health promotion month for statewide education and preventive health services to minimize the adverse impact of lifestyle factors on health. **(Reaffirmed 2023)***
12. **1993-25** **Free Immunization:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association state as policy the belief that all third-party payers should include adequate and reasonable coverage for routine pediatric immunizations as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. **(Revised and Adopted 2000. Reaffirmed in 2009, 2015, 2017)***
13. **1993-27** **AIDS Education:** *That the State of Nevada school systems continue education of students in the prevention of HIV infection and Sexually Transmitted Diseases and encourage students to engage in high-risk activities such as promiscuous sexual behavior, drug usage and contact with blood or bodily fluids.*
14. **1994-05** **Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association Council explore avenues to recommend to the governor a list of qualified candidates for appointment to the Board of Medical Examiners as vacancies occur and that we work toward a broad representation by specialty and geographical area. **(Reaffirmed 2015)***
15. **1994-14** **Criminalization of Medical Judgment:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association take all reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that results of medical decision making, exercised in good faith, does not become a violation of criminal law. **(Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)***

16. **1994-16** **Right of Physicians to Include Pregnancy Termination As Part of Their Practices:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association again goes on record in support of the right of physicians to choose to include pregnancy termination as a part of their practice; and, That the NSMA condemns any illegal physical and mental harassment and intimidation directed at such physicians. (Reaffirmed 2015 & 2020)*
17. **1994-21** **Safety for Passengers in the Back of Pickup Trucks:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation that would prohibit passengers from riding in the cargo bed of a pickup truck unless appropriately restrained in seats with belts. (Reaffirmed 2000 and 2006)*
18. **1995-02** **Denial of Homeopathic License:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association sponsor legislation to prevent persons with revoked allopathic and osteopathic medical licenses from becoming eligible for licenses to practice homeopathy. (Reaffirmed 2020)*
19. **1995-03** **Separation of Homeopathic and Traditional Medicine:** *That Nevada State Medical Association will support legislation, which maintains the separation of traditional medical care and homeopathic therapy. That NSMA will oppose legislation, which blurs or intermingles these very different health care practices. (Reaffirmed 2015)*
20. **1995-06** **Nuclear Waste Storage:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association strongly oppose any shipment of high-level nuclear waste material to the State of Nevada until it can be scientifically demonstrated that it will not be hazardous to the health and public safety of the citizenry of Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)*
21. **1995-17** **Truth in Utilization:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the Nevada Legislature to make it unlawful to withdraw or deny payment or withdraw authorization for previously authorized services provided in good faith. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009 and 2022)*
22. **1995-18** **MCO Medicare:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association opposes Federal legislation requiring that all individuals who participate in Medicare must sign an MCO agreement. (Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)*
23. **1995-19** **Due Process:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association strongly opposes the practice of de-selection of physicians by MCOs and third-party payer panels without due process including independent arbitration. (Reaffirmed 2001, 2009, 2015; Amended and Reaffirmed in 2020)*
24. **1995-20** **Due Process and Rating Health Plans:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislative action to require a due process mechanism regarding grievance procedures for the medical profession and health care insurance enrollees unhappy with care and coverage decisions, and ensure quick, independent review of disputed claims. That legislation be created to provide the medical profession and consumer access to more comprehensive information about health plans including quality, performance, and satisfaction, and provide the medical profession and enrollees with opportunities to offer input in decisions affecting health care. (Reaffirmed 2015)*
25. **1995-25** **CPR:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation to require CPR training as part of the health education in schools.*
26. **1995-28** **Sex Education in Schools:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports sex education in sexual reproduction and sexual transmitted diseases beginning by at least the sixth grade in all K-12 schools. (Reaffirmed 2015)*
27. **1995-29** **Rodeo Injury Prevention:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation requiring all school sponsored rodeo contestants to use uniform protective head gear, face masks, and chest protection*

when participating in saddle bronco, bareback and bull riding events; and recommends that all rodeo contestants in rough stock events wear the same protections. **(Reaffirmed 2009, 2018)**

28. **1995-30** **Mandatory Exercise K-12:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the State Board of Education and to private schools that exercise, according to guidelines of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, but at least 30 minutes daily in all K- 12 schools. **(Revised and adopted in 2001. Reaffirmed 2006, 2012 and 2022)***

29. **1995-31** **Physician Credentialing:** *That any insurance company or third-party payer, etc. accept as complete credentialing any physician’s unrestricted active staff status at a Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) approved hospital as evidence of appropriate credentialing; none further being required. **(Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)***

30. **1996-03** **Legislative Activity by Physicians:** *That Physicians have a duty and are hereby encouraged to participate in the political process by becoming informed; voting; supporting candidates with time, money, and word of mouth; by educating legislators on issues and by becoming candidates themselves. That the Nevada State Medical Association especially encourage and support physicians and spouses to run for office at some point. **(Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)***

31. **1996-04** **NSMA Maintain Comprehensive Communications Capacity with Membership:** *That Nevada State Medical Association will continue its efforts to develop a resource base and use multiple vehicles to communicate to its members through the use of phone numbers, fax numbers, and E-Mail addresses. **(Revised and Adopted 2002. Reaffirmed 2008. Revised and adopted 2013)***

32. **1996-07(a)** **Physician Participation in Executions:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm its policy stating physicians should not participate in executing prisoners. **(Reaffirmed 2015, Amended and Reaffirmed in 2020)***

33. **1996-08** **Health Savings Accounts:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association take appropriate action to inform physicians and patients of the need to implement medical savings accounts with federal health care reform legislation and that the NSMA take whatever steps necessary to expedite communication from physicians and patients to Congress in support of retaining medical savings accounts as an important part of health care reform. **(Reaffirmed 2002 and Revised and Adopted 2008, Reaffirmed 2013)***

34. **1996-10** **Managed Care Reform:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the full implementation of the “Nevada Patient Protection Act” and its expansion as necessary to assure full patient access to appropriate medical services as determined by the patient in consultation with the patient’s physician. **(Revised and Adopted 2002. Reaffirmed 2008, Revised and Adopted 2013)***

35. **1996-12** **Third Party Payer Report Card:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports the Governor’s Office of Consumer Health Assistance, which was created to be a statewide program for collecting and resolving problems and complaints of patients who are being denied access to appropriate medical care by third party payers. NSMA will support any enhancements needed to assure that this mission is accomplished. **(Revised and Adopted 2002. Reaffirmed 2008 and 2013)***

36. **1996-13** **“Hold Harmless” Clauses:** *That Nevada State Medical Association continue to support legislative efforts to ban hold harmless clauses by third party payers. **(Reaffirmed 2002 and 2008, Revised and adopted 2013)***

37. **1996-17** **HMO Panel Eligibility for Non-Board-Certified Physicians:** *That board certification eligibility, certificate of added qualifications, or recertification should not be used as the sole measure of quality of care,*

eligibility to contract with managed or receive hospital staff privileges. That Nevada State Medical Association ask the AMA to work with the national accrediting organization for MCOs to eliminate requirements for board certification as a condition for accreditation of the MCO. **(Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, and 2013)**

38. **1996-18** **Fair Hearing:** *That Nevada State Medical Association advance legislation consistent with the "Patient Protection Act" language pertaining to due process in the de-selection of physicians. **(Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, and 2013)***
39. **1996-20** **Capitation:** *That Nevada State Medical Association continue to assist physicians to adjust to a changing market by providing timely and appropriate products and services dealing with a variety of emerging capitated and non-capitated methods. **(Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, and 2013)***
40. **1996-22** **Third Party Payers Be Responsible Financially When Procedure Pre- Authorized:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation mandating third party payers be responsible for financial obligation for any procedure or service that they have authorized for a patient. **(Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, and 2013)***
41. **1996-26** **Public Health:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association will emphasize public health education at every opportunity to counter unhealthy behaviors, in order to improve the health status of Nevadans. **(Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, 2013 and 2023)***
42. **1996-29** **Immunization:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association state as policy the belief that all third-party payers should include adequate and reasonable coverage for routine pediatric immunizations as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. **(Reaffirmed 2002, 2008, and 2013)***
43. **1996-30** **Post-Partum Care:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the Nevada Legislature that due to the unique characteristics of each mother and her infant the Legislature mandates that only the physician and not third-party payers determine the proper length of stay for mothers and newborns. **(Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)***
44. **1996-31** **Helmets for Motorcycle Riders:** *That Nevada State Medical Association oppose any effort to repeal Nevada Revised Statutes pertaining to requiring helmet for any rider of a motorized bicycle, tricycle or quadricycle vehicle. **(Reaffirmed 2015)***
45. **1996-34** **Drunk Driving:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support every effort to eliminate drunk driving including prosecuting every drunk driver. **(Reaffirmed 2002 and 2008, Revised and Adopted 2013)***
46. **1997-02** **Policy Compendium:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association shall maintain and update yearly, a policy compendium modeled after the AMA Policy Compendium organized by subject. **(Reaffirmed 2020)***
47. **1997-06** **Equal Opportunity:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association shall provide equal opportunity, rights, privileges, and responsibilities to everyone regardless of race, religion, color, creed ethnic affiliation, national origin, sex or age. **(Reaffirmed 2015 & 2020)***
48. **1997-20** **Managed Care Treatment Panels:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports proper peer review of decisions to deny medical care issued by payers for medical care. **(Reaffirmed 2003, 2009, 2022)***
49. **1997-24** **Regulation of Medical Practice of Advanced Practitioner of Nursing (APN):** *That the supervision and discipline of Advanced Practitioners of Nursing (APN's) as relates to the practice of medicine shall be the responsibility of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners or the Nevada State Board of Osteopathy in a similar manner as for Physician's Assistants (PA). That the NSMA supports the Nevada State Board of Nursing in continuing to have jurisdiction of APN's as relates to nursing functions. **(Allowed to expire 2015)***

50. **1997-27** **Regulation of Body Piercing:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation that the person performing body piercing is liable for the damage and complications of the person they pierce. That the NSMA support legislation that a minor must be accompanied by the parent/guardian who will sign the informed consent before piercing can be done.*
51. **1997-28** **Water Fluoridation:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association and its component medical societies support legislative efforts to promote community water fluoridation at optimal levels to decrease the incidence of dental caries. (Reaffirmed 2015 and 2020)*
52. **1998-06** **Prohibition of Physicians Selling Medical Hardware and/or Vitamins:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association endorse the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) report- "Guidelines for physicians regarding sale of non-health related goods".*
53. **1998-08** **Cap on Non-Economic Damages:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the Nevada State Legislature that all physicians involved in the care of all patients at UMC and other public facilities be covered by the same umbrella of (non) economic damages cap; and ...That the NSMA study the need for consistent umbrella coverage of non- economic damages at other facilities in the State of Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2004, 2005. Revised and Adopted 2011. Reaffirmed 2023)*
54. **1998-10** **Expansion of Homeopathic Practices:** *That Nevada State Medical Association opposes the attempts of the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners to expand the scope of practice to include intravenous therapy and prescription authority. (Reaffirmed 2004, 2010, and 2022)*
55. **1998-12** **Out of State Lawsuits:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the concept that when Nevada physicians take care of a patient within the state of Nevada that the physicians not be required to defend themselves in an out of state court when the alleged malpractice occurred within the state of Nevada; and That the NSMA delegation take this resolution to the AMA House of Delegates meeting.*
56. **1998-18** **CPT Evaluation and Management Codes:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with other physician organizations to define and confirm what constitutes appropriate documentation; and That the NSMA use all available means to ensure appropriate safeguards for physicians, so that documentation or disputed errors in the patient's record that do not meet Evaluation and Management Coding Guidelines, in and of themselves, do not constitute fraud and/or abuse, and That the NSMA use all available means to ensure that the burden of proof for fraud and/or abuse lie with the prosecution; and That any financial adjustments be fairly administered for under coding as well as over coding; and That disputes be addressed through arbitration with the prevailing party receiving reimbursements for expenses from the opposing party. (Revised and adopted in 2004. Reaffirmed 2010 and 2022)*
57. **1998-19** **Private Contracts Between a Physician and Medicare Recipient:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association through the American Medical Association and our elective Congressional officials work for the restitution of the right of physicians and Medicare recipients to enter into private contracts for medical services without penalty against the physician or the Medicare recipient.*
58. **1998-20** **Truth in Insurance Advertising:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association go on record as supporting clarity in advertisement of medical insurance and medical care; and That NSMA support legislation which restricts or otherwise eliminates misleading advertisement in healthcare.*
59. **1998-25** **Payers Not Regulated by the Division of Insurance in the State of Nevada:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support Congressional action to require that those plans not regulated by the State of Nevada*

be held to the same standards as those which apply in the “Nevada Patient Protection Act”. (Reaffirmed 2015; Amended and reaffirmed 2023)

60. **1998-26** **De-selection Without Cause:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislation assuring that deselected doctors have an appeal process with a fair hearing and termination only for due cause.*
61. **1999-03** **Expiration of House of Delegates Policy Resolutions:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates adopts as a permanent rule the following: NSMA House of Delegates resolutions, which are not reaffirmed by action of the House within five years of adoption expire as NSMA policy. All affected resolutions will be reviewed by the NSMA Council, which will present the House with a report regarding those resolutions, which should be considered for deletion. The remainder will be considered reaffirmed. (Reaffirmed 2017)*
62. **1999-06** **Antitrust Laws:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association will work with the American Medical Association and the County Medical Societies in Nevada to revise federal anti-trust law to allow physicians to collectively negotiate with managed care companies and other third-party payors.*
63. **1999-07** **Support Physician Unions:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the concept of physician’s unions being able to collectively negotiate for their members.*
64. **1999-12(a)** **Malpractice Suits Against Managed Care Organizations:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada State Legislature to support legislation within the State of Nevada to permit a patient to sue his/her insurance company if that patient suffers injury caused by a denial or delay of covered care. (Reaffirmed 2005 and 2011, Revised and Reaffirmed 2018).*
65. **1999-12(b)** **Malpractice Suits Against Managed Care Organizations:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association urge the AMA to work toward eliminating managed care organization preferential immunity regarding patient injury liability as currently provided under ERISA federal law.*
66. **1999-17** **Arbitrary Removal By HMO:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm that no insurance company can remove a physician from the care of a patient admitted to a local hospital unless it has a provider physician contact the treating physician and patient to discuss the case and to discuss transfer of care and that said provider physician must be the physician who will be assuming the care of that patient.*
67. **1999-27** **Child Safety Education:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support efforts to include education about important child-care safety issues in public schools by the 8th grade.*
68. **2000-03** **Protection From Litigation From Mandatory Error Reporting:**
69. *That the Nevada State Medical Association support appropriate legislative initiative, which protects or exempts physicians and other health care providers from litigation risk resulting from government mandated error reporting. (Reaffirmed 2006 and 2012 and 2022)*
70. **2000-12** **Hospital Selected Prosthetics:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports a policy of the use of implants, prostheses, or other medical devices with balanced considerations given to concepts of local economics and quality patient outcomes.*
71. **2000-13** **Nurse Recruitment and Retention for Nevada:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the adoption of policies, including legislation, which would assure an adequate supply of professional nursing services in Nevada through appropriate retention, recruitment, and training initiatives. (Revised and Adopted 2006. Reaffirmed 2012, 2017. Revised and Adopted 2022)*

72. **2000-16** **Tobacco (Tribal Smoke Shops):** *That Nevada State Medical Association oppose federal funding of construction or operation of tribal smoke shops; and ...That NSMA encourage tribal smoke shops to prohibit tobacco sales to minors; and ...That NSMA support federal initiatives to decrease tobacco use in tribal areas. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
73. **2000-17** **(Revised) NSMA Tobacco Policy:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association adopts the following basic tobacco policy statement for inclusion in the NSMA Policy Compendium and for use in developing NSMA legislative priorities.*
NSMA Tobacco Policy
- (1) *NSMA's Basic Tobacco Policy and Strategy*
That the NSMA shall adopt a plan "NSMA Comprehensive Tobacco Strategy For Nevada"; and, that the NSMA supports every reasonable effort to reduce the use of tobacco, including in the following order of priorities: (1) Seeking increased taxation on all tobacco products (including the equivalent of at least an additional \$1 dollar per package of cigarettes) and increased license fees for the sale of tobacco products; (2) Seeking legislation to ban all tobacco advertising in all media in Nevada; (3) Supporting increased enforcement of anti- tobacco laws; (4) Seeking legislation to increase penalties for tobacco law violations (including penalties for illegal possession of tobacco products by youths equivalent to current statutes regarding alcohol); (5) Seeking legislation or regulation with more restrictive licensing requirements for tobacco retailers; (6) Seeking enforceable legislation to eliminate vending machine sales of tobacco; (7) Supporting increased public education concerning the consequences that the decision to smoke is harmful to one's health; (9) Increased public and school education concerning the methods of tobacco companies to recruit and addict new smokers and encouraging youth led programs to counter those efforts; (9) Developing and encouraging a physician continuing education program aimed at incorporating tobacco cessation practice standards and information into physician practices;(10) Banning the sale of individual cigarettes including individually packaged cigarettes; (11) Supporting public and school-based education efforts regarding the risks of smokeless tobacco products; and (12) Supporting the regulation of electronic cigarettes and similar drug delivery devices.
- (2) *Increase Tobacco Related Taxes and Fees*
That NSMA supports public policies which make tobacco products less attractive to all potential users, particularly youth, and since there is scientific support for increasing tobacco product pricing to discourage youth purchases of tobacco products, NSMA supports increasing Nevada tobacco related taxes to include increased fees for tobacco retailers, the equivalent of a one dollar per cigarette pack excise tax on each pack of cigarettes and significant tax increases on cigars, pipe tobacco and smokeless tobacco product products; and, that NSMA supports the dedication of these State revenues to a comprehensive Nevada tobacco cessation and reduction strategy.
- (3) *Smoking in Public Places*
That the NSMA support full implementation of the "Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act" and opposes any court or legislative action to weaken the Act. The NSMA support legislation to prohibit tobacco use in all public areas and all public buildings; to ban smoking within 50 feet of every entrance of all health care facilities; and, to eliminate cigarette vending machines,
- (4) *Tobacco Lobbying*
That the NSMA will encourage campaign finance reform legislation requiring the public disclosure of all monies donated to campaigns directly, or to caucuses or to parties, from the tobacco industry; and, encourage the wide dissemination of this information through the Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition or other coalitions of anti-tobacco organizations.
- (5) *Tobacco Settlement*

That the NSMA Commission on Public Health shall develop and revise as appropriate a policy recommending how funds from the national tobacco Master Settlement Agreement be spent, that this plan shall be included in the “NSMA Comprehensive Tobacco Strategy for Nevada”.

(6) Smokeless Tobacco

That, since the growing use of smokeless tobacco products presents an unnecessary public health risk to Nevadans, particularly Nevada youth, NSMA encourages the Nevada State Division of Health and Department of Education to conduct a significant public education campaign on the dangers of smokeless tobacco; and, that NSMA shall support legislation prohibiting the use of smokeless tobacco in: facilities and areas in which youths are permitted access; State workplaces; and, by participants in any organized athletic programs.

(7) Federal Support of The Tobacco Industry

That the NSMA supports the elimination of any federal funds to support the tobacco industry in an effort to achieve the Surgeon General’s goal of creating a “smoke-free” society; and, That the NSMA facilitate the public disclosure of the voting record of our elected officials in support of the tobacco industry.

74. **2000-23** **DMV Criteria for The Aged/Disabled:** *That Nevada State Medical Association work with the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop clearly written criteria for disabilities that would prevent a patient from driving safely.*
75. **2000-24** **Potassium Iodide:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the stockpiling of potassium iodide as is recommended by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make available potassium iodide to protect Nevadans from thyroid radiation contamination and prevent the development of thyroid cancer in case of a nuclear accident. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
76. **2000-26** **Childhood Immunizations:** *That (1) The Nevada State Medical Association will work with the Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Nevada State Legislature to provide both the resources and the programs necessary, using the recommendations of the Advisory Committee For Immunization Practices (ACIP) and in accordance with the provisions set forth in the “National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act”, to ensure that all Nevada children are immunized on schedule, thus representing progress in preventive medicine; (2) The NSMA endorses the recommendations on adolescent immunizations developed by the ACIP and approved by both the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics; (3) The NSMA will continue to support state legislation to require that students entering school be adequately immunized according to current national standards and would support legislation to require that students entering middle or junior high school be adequately immunized according to current national standards; and, (4) The NSMA will support voluntary and legislative requirements for coverage by public and private health insurance programs and plans of childhood immunizations using the recommendations of the ACIP and in accordance with the provision set forth in the “National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act”, to ensure that all Nevada children are immunized on schedule. (Reaffirmed 2006, 2012, 2017, 2022)*
77. **2000-30** **Tax on Services:** *That Nevada State Medical Association express opposition to any proposed tax on services that include medical and health services and make this opposition part of our legislative strategy; and ...That NSMA work to defeat any attempt to tax physician services. (Reaffirmed 2006. Revised and adopted 2012, 2022)*
78. **2001-03** **Key Contact for Legislators:** *That State and Federal legislators from Nevada have a Nevada State Medical Association member(s) assigned to them as a “key contact” in order to facilitate communication.*
79. **2001-14** **Insurance False Advertising:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support measures at the State and national levels to require insurance plans be held accountable for accurate and timely provider lists.*

80. **2001-15** **Delineation of Cosmetic vs. Medical Procedures:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Cosmetology if appropriate, the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the State Board of Health to develop State statutes and/or regulations to address the use of laser equipment, Botox injections, collagen injections, and dermabrasion.*
81. **2001-16** **Prohibition of Tobacco Use in Grocery Stores and Restaurants:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation prohibiting tobacco use in restaurants not serving alcohol, in restaurants geared towards children, and in grocery stores.*
82. **2001-18** **Head Protection at Rental Facilities:** *That all establishments that rent bicycles, downhill skis, roller blades, snowboards and scooters offer protective head gear with the rental agreement.*
83. **2001-19** **Communication Barriers:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association through its AMA Delegates recommend that interpretive/translator services (as required by ADA and CMS) for their patients be provided and paid for by third party payors.*
84. **2001-24** **Head Protection:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the use of helmets for children under 18 when participating in bicycling, downhill skiing, skating, snowboarding, skateboarding, scooters, and rollerblading.*
85. **2002-08** **Electronic Game Violence:** *The Nevada State Medical Association support legislation to prevent the sale and rental of games rated “M” (mature, for ages 17 and older) and “AO” (adults only) to persons under the age of 17. (Revised and Adopted 2008, reaffirmed 2013)*
86. **2002-12** **Federal Funding of Medical Facilities:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association Council be directed to work with the Nevada Congressional delegation to explore federal; funding of medical facilities to manage emergencies resulting from the storage and transportation of radioactive materials in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2008 and 2013)*
87. **2003-07** **NSMA Membership:** *The Nevada State Medical Association develop new mechanisms to convince all active medical practitioners licensed in the State of Nevada of the need for their membership and financial support of the activities of the Nevada State Medical Association and its County Societies from which they benefit. (Reaffirmed 2012 and 2022)*
88. **2003-10** **Health Care Access:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association continue to work with the Nevada State Legislature to improve access to quality health care in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2015 & 2020)*
89. **2003-11** **Non-English Resources:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support to identify and promote resources that can help health care providers in Nevada communicate with Non-English-speaking patients. (Reaffirmed 2015; Amended and Reaffirmed 2020)*
90. **2003-12** **School Vending Machines:** *That Nevada State Medical Association recommends to school boards throughout the State, as well as individual public and private schools, that nutritious foods be added to school vending machines and school menus. (Reaffirmed 2015)*
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92. **2004-11** **Medical Liability Reform Statutes (In the Event of the Failure of Question 3):** *That Nevada State Medical Association propose bill draft requests to amend Nevada Revised Statutes to provide for a \$250,000 firm cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice actions, provide for the admissibility by the defendant of collateral sources of payments to the plaintiff in medical malpractice actions, and provide for contingency fee limitations of plaintiff attorney fees in medical malpractice actions.*

93. **2004-13** **NSMA and Bioterrorism and Disaster Preparedness:** *That Nevada State Medical Association:*
- Support policies that available federal funds awarded are used to enable Nevada to:*
- (1) Enhance its public health infrastructure, including disease surveillance and reporting activities, to assure that Nevada can respond appropriately to any bio- terror incident or disaster situation;*
 - (2) Train physicians and other medical personnel for the early recognition and treatment of diseases caused by the release of biological agents;*
 - (3) Implement mechanisms for timely and efficient dissemination of information to the medical community and the public at large; and*
 - (4) Acquire the necessary equipment to respond to such an attack.*
- Will identify the training and educational needs of Nevada physicians regarding bio- terrorism and related threats and will develop or assist in the availability of needed educational opportunities.*
- Will assist Nevada public health authorities in identifying roles for physician volunteers to assist in the response to bio-terror or other mass exposure and accident situations and will support the implementation of programs like the Medical Reserve Corps.*
- Will join in working with: the state public health authorities (Nevada State Division of Health, Washoe County Health District, and Southern Nevada Health District), the Carson City Health and Human Services, other appropriate State agencies; the American Medical Association, local, and medical specialty societies; and, others as appropriate to:*
- (1) ensure adequate resources, supplies, and training to enhance the medical and public health response to terrorism and other disasters;*
 - (2) develop a comprehensive strategy to assure surge capacity to address mass casualty care; and*
 - (3) implement communications strategies to inform health care professionals and the public about a terrorist attack or other major disaster, including local information on available medical and mental health services.*
- (Reaffirmed 2006. Revised and adopted 2011. Reaffirmed 2023)***
94. **2005-02** **Media Training:** *That Nevada State Medical Association provide periodic media training classes for its officers and spokespersons, and... That the County Medical Societies be encouraged to do the same. (Reaffirmed 2011, Revised and Reaffirmed 2018)*
95. **2005-05** **Eliminate Underage Alcohol Consumption:** *That Nevada State Medical Association actively opposes underage drinking by supporting the American Medical Association’s policies and principles.*
96. **2005-08** **I’m Sorry Law:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation that makes a statement or action of apology, sympathy, or benevolence not an admission of liability for any purpose in a civil action suit. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
97. **2005-12** **Insurance Company Fees:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislation that a penalty be paid to the physician for each claim that an insurance company pays less than the contracted rate.*

98. **2005-13** **Insurance Coverage for Childhood Immunizations (See also: “Children and Youth” and “Public Health”):** *That the Nevada State Medical Association delegation to the American Medical Association House of Delegates sponsor or co-sponsor resolutions to seek federal legislation requiring all health insurance plans to provide coverage for all immunizations.*
99. **2005-15** **Establish A Plan for Stroke Care Throughout Nevada:** *The Nevada State Medical Association supports the establishment of a comprehensive stroke treatment plan in all areas of the State. (Reaffirmed 2012 and 2022)*
100. **2006-03** **NSMA To Pay the Expenses for Medical Students:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association Council May Choose Up to Two Interested Medical Students, Who Are Members of Their County Medical Societies and Apply for NSMA Expense Paid Attendance to The NSMA Annual Meeting; and ... That the NSMA Council May Choose Up to Two Interested Medical Students, Who Are Members of Their County Medical Societies and Apply for NSMA Expense Paid Attendance to Attend the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago.*
101. **2006-06** **Health Insurance Open Access:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the State Insurance Commissioner and Legislature to investigate limitation of access to care because of exclusive provider contracts. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
102. **2006-09** **Immunity from Prosecution for The Nevada Health Professionals Assistance Foundation (NHPAF):** *The Nevada State Medical Association endorse legislation to revise NRS 49.117 “Review Committee” Defined, and any other applicable peer review statutes, to include the Nevada Health Professional Assistance Foundation.*
103. **2007-05** **Identity Theft:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association pursue legislation or regulation to stop insurance companies from demanding a physician’s social security number, home address, and home phone number.*
104. **2007-07** **County and State Medical Association Group Participation Drive and Certificates:** *That Nevada State Medical Association encourage the county medical societies to work with contact members from various medical groups to maximize membership.*
105. **2007-08** **Common Legislative Goals Partnership for Specialty Physician Groups with the Nevada State Medical Association:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association continue to facilitate the Nevada Medical Specialties Council to reach common legislative goals and to provide needs that may differ by specialty.*
106. **2007-11** **Standardized Advanced Directives:** *That the AMA be asked to develop a nationally recognized standardized advanced directive that may be applied in the absence of an existing advanced directive; and ... That the AMA delegates take this resolution to the AMA for consideration at their House of Delegates meeting this year.*
107. **2007-12** **Preventing Perinatal Transmissions of HIV:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support routine prenatal HIV testing utilizing the opt-out approach; and ... That NSMA encourage all medical facilities and providers to offer rapid HIV testing, utilizing the opt-out approach, for all women who present for labor and delivery who do not have a documented prenatal HIV test. (Reaffirmed 2013)*
108. **2007-13** **Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning (See also: “Children and Youth”):** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the routine screening of children for elevated lead levels prior to school entry; and ... That the NSMA supports mandatory reporting of all elevated blood lead levels to local public health authorities; and ... That the NSMA supports efforts to educate health professionals and the public regarding the importance of screening for blood lead levels, the risks of elevated blood lead levels, and the methods for eliminating sources of lead exposure. (Reaffirmed 2013 and 2023)*

109. **2007-14** **Medical Reserve Corps:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support ongoing development of the Medical Reserve Corps and will educate the members regarding the importance of participation and registration. (Reaffirmed 2013 and 2023)*
110. **2007-18** **Prevention of Economic Profiling:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation to prevent the use of economic profiling or credentialing.*
111. **2008-02** **NSMA To Provide Financial Assistance to Defray NSMA Leadership Travel Expenses:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association Transfer \$20,000.00 from the Reserve Account to a new interest-bearing account from which the interest income will be used to help defray the legitimate costs incurred by the Nevada State Medical Association Alliance Leadership on a yearly basis. The principal sum would always remain under the control of the NSMA Executive Committee; and... That this being a new and untried use of NSMA funding, the resolution should be reviewed in two years. (Revised and adopted 2013, Allowed to Expire 2018)*
112. **2008-03** **NSMA To Renew Efforts to Maintain the Highest Ethical and Safety Standards Amongst Its Membership:**
- That Nevada State Medical Association renew efforts to maintain the highest ethical and safety standards amongst our members and colleagues as outlined in the American Medical Association/American Osteopathic Association Codes of Ethics. (Reaffirmed 2013)*
113. **2008-04** **Quality of Care:**
- That Nevada State Medical Association work with State agencies to develop better quality of care information in this State; and...That NSMA take a leadership role in the transformation of health care in Nevada by adopting a proactive stance on quality improvement. (Reaffirmed 2013)*
114. **2008-09(a)** **Sugary Drinks and Unhealthy Snacks in Schools and Child/Adolescent Obesity:**
- That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation requiring schools to sell only drinks that are composed of no less than 50% fruit juice or vegetable juice, have no added sweetener, contain milk with reduced fat content, or drinking water with no added sweetener as recommended by the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Family Physicians; and That the NSMA pursue legislation regulating snacks sold in schools. These snacks, as recommended by the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the American Academy of Family Physicians shall not contain more than 35% of calories derived from fat (excluding nuts, nut butter, seeds, and cheese), no more than 10% of calories from saturated fat, no more than 35% of total weight be composed of sugar (excluding fruits and vegetables), and not exceed 250 calories per individual food item; and... That these restrictions do not apply to the USDA meal program. (Reaffirmed 2013. Revised and adopted 2023)*
115. **2008-14** **Opposition to Administration's 15 % Cut in Hospice Rates:** *That Nevada State Medical Association opposes the 15% cut in hospice rates in the Administration's budget package and that NSMA contact the Nevada Congressional delegation and the AMA through its delegates to lobby in Congress against these cuts. (Allowed to expire 2013)*
116. **2008-17** **National Patient Database Electronic Medical Records:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports alternative funding to allow physicians to embrace electronic medical record keeping; and...That NSMA opposes unfunded mandatory electronic medical record requirements. (Reaffirmed 2013)*

117. **2008-18** **Creation of Electronic Database for Hospital Accepting Transferred Patients:** *That Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada Hospital Association to create a real time electronic database that would show availability of the various specialties in hospitals around the State. (Reaffirmed 2013)*
118. **2008-22** **Safe Injection Techniques:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall promote safe injection techniques in all hospitals, clinics, private practices, and other medical care settings in Nevada; and... That NSMA shall encourage all healthcare practitioners to participate in the national safety campaign and encourage all licensing authorities to ensure the compliance of these standards. (Reaffirmed 2013)*
119. **2008-24** **Provider Reimbursement for Vaccines:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation to guarantee provider reimbursement for vaccines in accordance with their costs. (Reaffirmed 2013 and 2023)*
120. **2010-02** **Corporate Practice of Medicine:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association oppose efforts to broaden the practice of corporate medicine in Nevada beyond its present limited scope.*
121. **2010-06** **Personal Information Demanded By Insurance Companies:** *Since insurance companies are able to contact physicians through their businesses, Nevada State Medical Association will use all means to remove the requirement that a physician provide his/her social security number, home address, home phone number or email address to an insurance company in an effort to prevent identity theft. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
122. **2010-07** **Drug Recycling-Utilization of Unused Prescription Medications:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy that it shall implement a statewide program consistent with public health and safety through which unused prescription drugs, other than prescription drugs defined as controlled substances may be transferred from residential care homes, nursing facilities, assisted living centers, or pharmaceutical manufacturers to designated pharmacies for distribution to charitable clinics for the purpose of distributions of the unused prescription medications to Nevada residents who are medically underserved.*
123. **2010-09** **Standardized Vital Statistics Reporting:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association will support the introduction and passage of a standardized Vital Statistics Reporting Act as proposed by the Nevada Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: and, ... That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada State Health Division Office of Vital Statistics in the adoption of legislation that will support the implementation of the most recent U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth, U.S. Standard Certificate of Death and U.S. Standard Report of Fetal Death. (Recommended to Public Health Commission 2017)*
124. **2010-11** **Non-Beneficial Medical Treatment (AKA: Medical Futility):** *The Nevada State Medical Association develop "Medical Futility" legislation.*
125. **2010-13** **Support for State Veterinarian and Agriculture Laboratory:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association calls upon the Governor and Legislature to reverse the decision to eliminate the position of State Veterinarian and restore funding for the position: and, ... That the NSMA calls upon the Governor and Legislature to reverse the decision to eliminate positions from the Agricultural Laboratory and restore funding for these positions.*
126. **2010-16** **Robert W. Shreck, M.D.:** *The Nevada State Medical Association's House of Delegates would like to formally thank Dr. Robert Shreck for his years of service to our organization. his guidance, leadership and hard work helped shape the NSMA into the foremost advocate for high quality patient care in the State of Nevada: and, ... That we request NSMA Council to consider a scholarship in his name. (Recommend expiring and sent to NSMA Scholarship Fund Corporation 2017)*

127. **2011-03** **Public Health Threat of High Calorie Sweeteners:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports measures that advise the public that extensive and increasing consumption of foods and drinks containing high caloric sweeteners, including high fructose corn syrup threatens the health of Nevadans; and ... That the Nevada State Medical Association support policies, programs, and initiatives directed at reducing consumption of high caloric sweeteners, including high fructose corn syrup and to educate the public regarding healthy food choices. (Revised and adopted 2023)*
128. **2011-05** **Pertussis Vaccination:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the appropriate organizations to encourage that all parents, infant caregivers, and close contacts of an infant receive appropriate pertussis vaccination prior to the infant's hospital discharge; and ... That the NSMA urge physicians to identify and immunize all those in their practice who are eligible to receive the pertussis booster vaccine, as recommended by current immunization guidelines. (Reaffirmed in 2017)*
129. **2011-06** **HPV Vaccination:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support policies and programs to optimize HPV vaccination rates in males and females and to support patient education outreach and follow up; and ... That the NSMA encourage the distribution of educational resources regarding HPV vaccinations to its members, in addition to nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other allied health professionals; and ... That the NSMA encourage and support legislative action to provide health insurance coverage for HPV vaccinations for male and female patients per CDC recommendations. (Reaffirmed in 2023)*
130. **2011-09** **Implementation of Health Reform:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association will take an active role, to ensure that implementation of any health care reform is done in a manner so as to protect and enhance the practice of medicine and protect patients. (Revised and adopted 2023)*
131. **2011-14** **Physician Employment by Non-Physician Entities:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm its policy on the prohibition of non-physician ownership of medical practices; and ... That the NSMA seek legislation at State and Federal levels to protect and preserve physician-led patient care.*
132. **2011-15** **Physician Governance in ACOs:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association seek legislation to ensure that Accountable Care Organizations functioning in the State of Nevada only function under physician-led management and governance to maintain standards of patient care and to oversee and protect our patients' interests; and ...this matter be referred for national action.*
133. **2011-17** **Equal Reimbursement for Outpatient Centers and Hospitals:** *That the Nevada AMA delegates submit a resolution at the national meeting of the AMA, to investigate and correct the recent CMS regulations that have shifted patient care from cost effective non-hospital-based settings into higher cost hospital-based centers for identical services. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
134. **2011-18** **A Resolution In Support of (2011) H.R.1409 - Antitrust Relief For Physicians:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association endorse HR 1409 and send a letter to each member of the House Of Representatives from Nevada asking them to co-sponsor HR 1409, and send a letter to each member of the Senate from Nevada asking them to introduce similar legislation; and ... NSMA President write a letter to the current President of the American Medical Association asking him to send a letter of endorsement of HR 1409 to the Chair of the Subcommittee On Intellectual Property, Competition, and The Internet Of The House Judiciary Committee; and ... Nevada State Medical Association instruct the Nevada AMA delegation to the AMA Annual Meeting to submit a resolution at the meeting to direct the AMA to endorse HR 1409.*
135. **2012-03** **Medical Record Fees:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate rate adjustments for the State disability claimants that truly reflect the cost of producing records in either paper and/or electronic formats or both including postage, notary fees, and other related cost of mailing, such as transportation to the notary and/or post office.*

136. **2012-09** **Guarantee Maternity Care Coverage:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend that all health plans sold in Nevada guarantee the option to essential and uniform maternity care benefits for all women, regardless of where they get their coverage, and that maternity coverage be made portable and renewable. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
137. **2012-15** **Advance Directives and Health Information Exchange Policy:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the requirement that properly executed advance directives and POLST forms should be required to be available on any HIE operating in Nevada; and...NSMA supports an extensive public information campaign about advance directives and POLST that is coordinated through the State Government with the participation of a wide coalition of stakeholders.*
138. **2012-16** **Quality Metrics In Colonoscopy:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the Nevada State Board of Health through the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance have Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Licensed Office Settings, and Hospitals in which colonoscopies are performed develop internal peer review processes that measure these same quality metrics and reports them to all participating endoscopists and their peers at that institution. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
139. **2012-18** **Discipline and Certification of Medical Expert Witnesses:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm Policy Resolution “2003-14. EXPERT TESTIMONY. That NSMA work with attorneys, physicians and the NSBME/BOM to establish quality standards for expert medical testimony. (Reaffirmed 2009. Reaffirm as Amended in 2017)*
140. **2012-20** **Pneumococcal Disease Vaccination:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support a public health campaign that aims to encourage and enable all Nevadans who meet appropriate criteria to become vaccinated against pneumococcal disease. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
141. **2012-23** **Caregivers in Group Homes For The Mentally Ill and Elderly:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage the (State Health Division’s) Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance to adopt regulations to give group home caregivers the option of being trained and licensed to provide blood pressure and glucose checks without having to involve a home health agency. (Reaffirmed 2017)*
142. **2012-24** **Breast Feeding:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association urge physicians to reinforce the AAP and ACOG guidelines for breast feeding and encourage the adoption of the “Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative” which promotes the enduring benefits of breast feeding and human milk for mothers, babies and society. (Reaffirmed 2017 and 2022)*
143. **2012-28** **Smoking Ban:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association reaffirm policy resolution #2000-17. (Reaffirmed 2017 and 2022)*
144. **2012-29** **E-Cigarette Sales and Use:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation regulating the sale and use of e-cigarettes; and that the current State regulations that apply to cigarette sales, use and secondhand smoke be applied to e-cigarettes. (Reaffirmed 2017 and Revised and Adopted 2022).*
145. **2012-30** **Hypodermic Device Exchange Policy**
146. *That the Nevada State Medical Association will support legislation developing a program for the safe distribution and disposal of hypodermic devices without a prescription. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
147. **2012-32** **Methamphetamine and Synthetic Drugs:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association continues to support Nevada statutory and regulatory policies to control the access to methamphetamine and will work with the Attorney General and appropriate state boards and agencies to address public education regarding the*

dangers of this drug; and... That the NSMA supports the efforts of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to schedule synthetic drugs that mimics the effects of marijuana, cocaine and other recreational drugs and will work with the Attorney General and appropriate state boards and agencies to address public education particularly to young Nevadans regarding the dangers of these drugs. **(Reaffirmed 2017 and 2022)**

148. **2012-34** **Support Staffing and Funding for The Nevada Trauma Registry:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommends that the legislature restore full funding to staff and maintain a viable and robust Nevada Statewide Trauma Registry. **(Reaffirmed 2022)***
149. **2013-03** **Evidence-Based Medical Services:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports evidence-based efforts to improve appropriate utilization of medical services and quality of care, and that these efforts should be initiated and directed by physicians.*
150. **2013-05** **Physician Licensing:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports efforts which will streamline and improve the physician licensing process at the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.*
151. **2013-06** **Supervision of Physician Assistants by Physicians:** *That, in the interest of the public benefit, the Nevada State Medical Association recommends that the supervision of physician assistants by licensed physicians, as stated in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) include the following principles:*
- (1) A physician may enter into a written supervisory agreement with no more than three physician assistants.*
 - (2) A physician may petition his or her licensing board to enter into a written supervisory agreement with more than three (3) physician assistants, upon showing substantial proof of necessity.*
 - (3) A physician assistant may enter into a written supervisory agreement with no more than three (3) licensed physicians.*
 - (4) A physician assistant may petition his or her licensing board to enter a written supervisory agreement with more than three (3) licensed physicians, upon showing substantial proof of necessity.*
 - (5) Every supervising physician will meet at least monthly with each supervised physician assistant and shall review at least 10% of the patient's medical records under the supervision agreement.*
 - (6) When a physician assistant has more than one supervisory agreement, each physician assistant shall write the name of the supervising physician in the medical record, and will notify the supervising physician of the name of the patient, the date, and the location where the patient was seen within 24 hours of the patient being seen by the supervised physician assistant.*
- and, be it further Resolved: That the Nevada State Medical Association recommends that the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine work collaboratively to ensure uniform regulations for the supervision of physician assistants in the Nevada Administrative Code, and develop a process for ensuring the compliance of all licensees who enter into such agreements.*
152. **2013-08** **Child Sex Trafficking:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association endorses legislation that will help to alleviate the problem of child sex trafficking in Nevada, and be it further Resolved: That the Nevada State Medical Association endorses programs that will help to care for the victims of child sex trafficking, including the creation of safe houses and related therapeutic programs, and be it further Resolved: That the Nevada State Medical Association opposes the imposition of prostitution charges upon victims of child sex trafficking.*
153. **2013-12** **Medicare Beneficiaries' Access to Healthcare:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association aggressively opposes Medicare cuts that harm beneficiaries' access to physicians.*
154. **2014-03** **Inadequate mental health funding:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association lobby for increased funding within Nevada State budget for 2015-2017 to provide adequate mental health and substance abuse treatment by increasing the number of facilities and qualified mental health professionals.*

155. **2014-04** **High risk preterm infant follow-up program:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the development of a state-wide program to enroll all preterm infants in a comprehensive NICU follow-up program to provide periodic assessments, data collection and analysis of multidisciplinary assessments to evaluate their long-term outcomes and prognoses; and be it further Resolved: That the NSMA support legislation to assist in the creation of the NICU follow-up program. (Reaffirmed in 2019)*
156. **2014-05** **Honorary membership in NSMA:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association desires to honor its former Executive Director Larry Matheis after his twenty-five years of faithful service by bestowing upon him Honorary Membership in NSMA and awarding him the title of NSMA Executive Director emeritus; and therefore,*
be it further
that the current Executive Director and/or President of NSMA inform Mr. Matheis of this election.
157. **2014-06** **Sale of real property at 3660 Baker Lane, Reno, Nevada:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association House of Delegates authorizes the NSMA Council by and through its Executive Committee to pursue the appraising and sale of the real property, and relocation of the NSMA office to another area; and*
be it further
that Final determination of sale and relocation must be approved by the NSMA Council.
158. **2014-07** **NSMA membership and long-term planning commission:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association rename the Long Term Planning Commission to the Long Term Planning and Membership Commission; and, that the NSMA Long Term Planning and Membership Commission will be co-chaired by leadership from the county medical societies and that the NSMA Long Term Planning and Membership Commission shall include representatives from county medical societies, chairs of the Membership Committees of all county medical societies; as well as leaders and representative members of NSMA from throughout the state.*
159. **2014-09** **Opposition to 2014 margins tax for education ballot measure:**
That Nevada State Medical Association opposes The Education Initiative, also known as the Margins Tax; and
be it further
That NSMA educates its members and Nevadans on the rationale for opposing this ballot measure, one being that there is no guarantee that funds would go towards education, while also reassuring our members and Nevadans that we are in favor of improving our state's education system.
160. **2014-12** **Network transparency:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislative action to require transparency and notification of all providers listed in their provider directory as being contracted to provide services, by any insurer who plans to expand their coverage network or lease their provider network to a new entity, and be it further Resolved: That the NSMA support legislative action toward the adoption of the Rental Network Contract Arrangements Model Bill per the conjoined efforts of the AMA and the National Council of Insurance Legislators, November, 2008, which has been adopted in 16 other states.*
161. **2014-15** **Prescription drug monitoring program:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association, in conjunction with the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, will encourage education on the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program with the goal of improving patient safety in Nevada.*
162. **2014- 17** **Hospital pharmacy limitations on dispensing of medications for home use:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association contact and lobby the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to request a change in regulations, or*

a waiver, for current inpatient hospital pharmacies to allow the dispensation of medications used in outpatient procedures to outpatients for continued medical therapy post-operatively.

and be it further

That the NSMA bring this concern regarding dispensation of intra-op medications to outpatients to the attention of the Nevada Hospital Association for consideration of options to resolve this matter.

163. **2015-04** **Health Professional and Patient Protection:** *That Nevada State Medical Association work to introduce legislation in Nevada that includes the following principles:*
- (1) The state or any political subdivision of the state shall not require a health care professional to provide a patient with:*
 - a. Information that is not medically accurate and appropriate for the patient.*
 - (2) A medical service in a manner that is not evidence-based and appropriate for the patient. The state or any political subdivision of the state shall not prohibit a health care professional from:*
 - a. Providing a patient with information that is medically accurate and appropriate for the patient.*
 - b. Providing a patient with a medical service that is evidence-based and appropriate for the patient.*
 - c. Asking and discussing any question relevant to patient care.*
 - (3) Nothing in this section of the proposed bill alters existing professional standards of care nor abrogates the duty of a health care professional to meet the applicable standards of care.*
 - (4) Definitions: “evidence-based.” Proven effective through appropriate empirical analysis. “medically accurate” information which is:*
 - a. Verified or supported by the weight of medical research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods.*
 - b. Recognized as correct and objective by leading medical organizations with relevant expertise; or,*
 - c. Recommended by or affirmed in the medical practice guidelines of a nationally recognized accrediting organization.*
- (Amended and reaffirmed)**
164. **2015-10** **Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR):** *That medical exemptions from measles (MMR) and all other immunizations mandated by the State of Nevada or any political subdivision of this state for school attendance require a signed statement from a physician licensed in Nevada supporting each exemption; and, be it further resolved that religious exemptions require a signed statement by clergy or a recognized religious leader of the child’s religion or denomination justifying each exemption; and, be it further resolved that when the annual immunization rate for any school falls below 90%, the health authority in the county of that school must review documentation of exemptions from immunization at such school and revoke exemptions deemed invalid; and, be it further resolved that, when the annual immunization rate for any school falls below 95%, the health authority is encouraged to review documentation of exemptions from immunization at such school and revoke exemptions deemed invalid.*
165. **2015-11** **Silver state healthcare exchange and the affordable care act:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support state and federal efforts to continue a state-based health insurance exchange as part of the Affordable Care Act. (Reaffirmed in 2020)*
166. **2015-12** **Contraception and the affordable care act:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support state and federal efforts to require the inclusion of all FDA–approved contraceptive methods as mandated health benefits, without copayments. (Amended and Reaffirmed 2020)*
167. **2015-13** **Homeless veterans and healthcare:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support ongoing local, state, and federal efforts to eliminate homelessness and improve access to healthcare for veterans. (Reaffirmed in 2020)*

168. **2015-15** **Maintenance of Certification:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association ask our delegates to the American Medical Association to continue to encourage the AMA to investigate the effects of MOC on physicians. (Reaffirmed in 2020)*
169. **2015-16** **Sex Education:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation for comprehensive education on sexual health, in all schools and grade levels, that is non-discriminatory and includes only evidence-based, medically accurate information; and, be it further resolved that the curriculum should be age appropriate and updated as needed. The curriculum should include, but not be limited to, information on: healthy behavior, including prevention of exploitation and sexual violence; reproduction, including proper anatomic language; contraception, including abstinence and long-acting reversible contraception (LARC); and sexually transmitted infection, including HIV; and, be it further resolved that the NSMA recommends that sexual health education be provided by individuals appropriately trained in sexual health, including school teachers and healthcare professionals. (Reaffirmed in 2020)*
170. **2016-03** **Climate Change and Public Health:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislative and regulatory efforts to meaningfully reduce the following four main power plant emissions: mercury, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide; and That the NSMA support legislative and regulatory efforts to increase renewable energy capacity and energy efficiency measures in order to further the public health of Nevadans; and That the NSMA supports inclusion of health cost analysis in future legislative and regulatory analysis of power generation from fossil fuel and renewable sources. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*
171. **2016-09** **Injury Prevention – Firearm Injuries:** *That our Nevada State Medical Association immediately make a public statement that gun violence represents a public health crisis which requires a comprehensive public health response and solution (directive to take action); and that our Nevada state medical association support AMA actively lobbying congress to lift the gun violence research ban. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*
172. **2016-11** **Narrow Networks:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the Nevada Division Of Insurance on regulatory changes that will help define network adequacy in terms of wait time (time from scheduling an appointment to the actual encounter) to access a physician; and That NSMA will support and promote the transparency of network physician availability and wait times to patients, rather than simply publishing lists of physician providers contracted to provide services for any given plan; and That NSMA support legislation that requires insurance plans to keep accurate and up-to-date lists of physician providers, that these lists shall be updated every six months, and that these lists shall then be validated by the Nevada Division Of Insurance. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*
173. **2016-12** **Ocular Injuries from Air Guns:** *That Nevada State Medical Association encourage legislation that protective eyewear be packaged with the sale of all air guns; and That NSMA encourage education on the proper use of protective eyewear to avoid ocular injuries.*
174. **2016-13** **Paul Gann Blood Safety Act:** *Nevada State Medical Association with its collaborating community partners provide and support education of patients and healthcare providers about the safety of blood products and the benefit of releasing autologous blood screened for general use. (Reaffirmed as Amended 2021)*
175. **2016-21** **Opioid Addiction:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage legislation that all government and private insurance payers offer coverage for evidence based complimentary alternative medicine therapies to help acute and chronic pain patients. (Reaffirmed as Amended 2021)*
176. **2016-22** **Request for the Elimination of Satisfaction Surveys Where Pain is Part of the Complaint or Part of the Diagnosis:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports eliminating the surveying of patients where pain is part of the complaint or part of the diagnosis. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*

177. **2016-23** **Web IZ:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with Web IZ to identify barriers to all providers administering immunizations using web IZ and help to figure out solutions that will make Web IZ used universally; and that the Nevada State Medical Association help to facilitate offices using electronic health records to be able to connect to Web IZ via direct interfaces or interfaces through a health information exchange. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*
178. **2016-25** **Obesity Epidemic:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage Nevada physicians to measure height, weight, BMI and when appropriate waist circumference on their patients. If unhealthy parameters are identified, the patient should be informed, and appropriate referral or treatment should be recommended; and That Nevada state medical association support legislative and regulatory agencies and councils to improve the level of health parameters amongst Nevadans; and That the Nevada state medical association support legislation to reinstate BMI measurements in schools; and That we have as our goal to make Nevada the most improved state in the nation on obesity rankings. (Reaffirmed as Amended 2021)*
179. **2016-26** **Second Hand Marijuana Smoke and the NCIAA:** *Because second hand marijuana smoke is a public health concern, that the same regulations afforded by the NCIAA applying to second hand tobacco smoke be amended to also apply to second hand marijuana smoke; and That these policy positions regarding second hand marijuana smoke be communicated to the appropriate state, county, and local agencies as a public health concern. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*
180. **2016-27** **Telehealth and Digitized Pathology Services:** *That action be taken by the Nevada State Medical Association, either legislatively or through the regulatory process, to restrict the primary and second opinion diagnostic evaluations from digitized pathological images through telehealth, until such time that the reliability and predictive value of such services can be scientifically demonstrated to be equal to or better than traditional pathologic interpretation in widely accepted peer-reviewed processes. (Reaffirmed in 2021)*
181. **2017-01** **Memorial Resolution:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association house of delegates expresses its sorrow at the passing of the following, and that the house of delegates will rise and observe a moment of silence: Kayvan Taghipour-Khiabani, MD CCMS 04/18/2017*
182. **2017-02** **Cycling:** *That Nevada State Medical Association reach out to cycling advocacy organizations and other regulatory agencies or interested entities in the state of Nevada to partner and identify ways of increasing cycling safety awareness as well as support legislation that will contribute to safer conditions for all users of Nevada's roadways. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
183. **2017-03** **Healthful Hospital Foods:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association work with the American Medical Association to call on Nevada hospitals, the Nevada Hospital Association, and other interested entities to improve the health of patients, staff, and visitors by following the American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Disease Prevention section guidelines for hospital meals.*
184. **2017-04** **Requiring Helmets for Drivers and Riders of All Terrain Vehicles and Mopeds:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation that helmets be required for drivers and passengers of ATVs, motorized bicycles/scooters and mopeds in the state of Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
185. **2017-05** **Mental Health:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recognizes mental health disorders as a group of medical conditions that urgently require focused attention in our state. Furthermore, the NSMA urges Nevada to protect and promote the rights of, and to combat stigma against persons with mental illness. To this effect our state and federal governments should meaningfully increase the allocation to appropriate level of resources in the management of mental health. (Revised and Adopted 2022)*

186. **2017-08** **Orders for Protection Against Persons at High Risk for Domestic Abuse and Other Violent Crime:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage Nevada judges through education to issue orders of protection against persons at high risk for domestic abuse and other violent crime based on violent behavior at the request of a law enforcement officer, partner, friend or family member, that such orders include prohibition of firearm possession for the duration of the order ;that the president of the NSMA issue a letter of concern regarding these issues advocating such orders of protection be addressed to the chairs of the judiciary committees of the Nevada State Assembly and Senate. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
187. **2017-09** **Stop the Bleed:** *That physicians be encouraged to become “stop the bleed” instructors by collaborating with the Nevada Chapter of the American College of Surgeons to train citizens and healthcare providers to be able to initiate efforts to stop compressible bleeding until medically trained personnel arrive. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
188. **2017-10** **Screening and Referral of Prediabetes Patients:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association encourage Nevada physicians to screen patients and review available resources including the AMA “prevent diabetes stat” program to be provided by the NSMA for prediabetes, and when appropriate refer them to evidence-based diabetes prevention lifestyle management programs. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
189. **2017-11** **Sex Education in Schools:** *That a consistent, statewide, scientifically valid evidence-based curriculum in sexual education be established that includes the biology of sexual development, pregnancy, reproduction, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual responsibility, and social skills to avoid exploitation, disease, and unwanted pregnancy; that said curriculum be designed and established by an advisory council consisting of well-qualified professionals in medicine, psychology and education; that the curriculum be sequential, age-appropriate, and comprehensive. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
190. **2017-13** **Provision of Albuterol and Utilization of Prescription Medications in Schools:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislation in the Nevada legislature authorize each Nevada school to obtain rescue albuterol for emergency use by trained personnel; that students with a prescription on file be allowed to use their medication as directed at school under supervision. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
191. **2017-14** **Antibiotic Stewardship:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association shall promote consumer and antibiotic prescriber’s knowledge and understanding of proper uses of antibiotics to reduce the prevalence of infections resistant to antibiotics and complications of their use. (Revised and Adopted 2022)*
192. **2017-15** **NSMA Health Care:** *Nevada State Medical Association petition our federal and state legislators to work in a bipartisan fashion to make changes in healthcare legislation that follows the guidelines of the AMA and allows all citizens to obtain and maintain access to affordable high-quality care. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
193. **2017-16** **Anesthesia Assistants:** *That Nevada State Medical Association endorse any future legislation similar to sb210 (2017) that allows anesthesia assistants to practice under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
194. **2017-17** **Research of CBD and other Marijuana Derivatives:** *That Nevada State Medical Association advocate with Nevada’s congressional delegation for legislation supporting research on the indications, safety, effectiveness, side effects and drug interactions of cannabidiol and other marijuana derivatives; that the NSMA advocate to the American Medical Association (AMA) that the AMA lobby congress for legislation to support such research. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
195. **2017-19** **Oppose Physician Status for Payment Purposes for Non-Physicians:** *That Nevada State Medical Association adopt a policy of opposition to the granting of physician status under public and other payment programs to non-md or non-do providers. (Reaffirmed 2022)*

196. **2017-26** **Vector Surveillance & Control Funding for Nevada:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports a comprehensive revenue proposal that establishes an adequate and sustainable revenue stream via a permanent funding mechanism to fund vector surveillance and control throughout Nevada; that the Nevada State Medical Association will work with the Nevada Legislature to pass and with the Governor’s office to sign such legislation. (Reaffirmed 2022)*
197. **2017-28** **Recreational Marijuana:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association endeavor to educate the citizens of our state, as well as our state legislators and governor about the evidence-based health and public safety consequences of recreational marijuana use. (Reaffirmed as amended 2022)*
198. **2018-02** **Opioid Education for New Trainees:** *Our Nevada State Medical Association and other interested professional organizations encourage medical schools and residency programs in our state to establish an opioid education curriculum for medical students, physicians in training, and practicing physicians; That our Nevada State medical association work with and encourage medical schools and graduate medical education in Nevada to include educational information regarding our state laws and regulations pertaining to the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
199. **2018-03** **Controlled Substances Prescribing:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for funding of continuing medical education on the safe and effective treatment of patients with chronic pain or substance use disorder; That Nevada state medical association shall advocate for funded research and reporting of the impact on patients and prescribers before and after the implementation of controlled substances laws and regulations, in order to support appropriate improvements in existing public policy. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
200. **2018-04** **Affordable Drug Prices:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for legislation and policies in Nevada that promote transparent pricing of drugs so that patients can make informed decisions about prescription drugs they purchase; That NSMA shall advocate for legislation and polices in Nevada that prohibit contract language that prevents pharmacists from informing their patients about lower cost drug options; That NSMA shall advocate for legislation and policies in Nevada that prevent anti-competitive practices that are disadvantageous to patients regarding pharmacy benefits. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
201. **2018-05** **Tariffs Affecting Affordable Prices of Medical Devices and Drugs:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall inform our Nevada congressional delegation of its opposition to tariffs that may adversely affect Nevada patients’ access to medical device, vaccines, and medical supplies.*
202. **2018-06** **Reducing Physician Burnout from Unnecessary Administrative Requirements:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support policies that eliminate prior authorizations. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
203. **2018-07** **Medical Schools in Nevada:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the continues funding of public medical education via the existing medical schools in Nevada. That Nevada state medical association support the vision and mission of private and public medical schools in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
204. **2018-08** **Independent Medical Staffs:** *That Nevada State Medical Association seeks review of the NRS/NAC provisions regarding health care facilities licensure (CH. 449) by the litigation center of the AMA, or another similar entity, for evaluation of the strength of these statutes with regard to the integrity and protection of the independence of medical staff organizations; That NSMA investigate ways to protect employed hospital based hospital bases or hospital employed medical groups and physicians from undue influence on medical decision making, free of purely economic or corporate concerns; That NSMA inform and educate all physicians in Nevada on the importance of physician involvement in the creation and review of medical staff by-laws for hospitals or other health care related organizations.*

205. **2018-09** **Residencies and Fellowships in Nevada:** *That Nevada State Medical Association advocate for adding and expanding residency and fellowship programs in the state of Nevada.*
206. **2018-10** **Health Care Workforce Information:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports the establishment of a Nevada health workforce data system (NVHWDS) to collect, analyze, and report data using data at the time of initial licensing and through licensure renewal using a minimum data sets (MDS) approach developed by other U.S. states and recommended by health resources and services administration (HRSA).*
207. **2018-13** **Group Discounts:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association house of delegates supports providing a group membership discount rate.*
208. **2018-29 (E)** **Military Patients on Dependents that Carry a Fetus with Severe Congenital Anomalies Who Wish to Undergo Termination of Pregnancy:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association house of delegates recommend to the American medical association and Nevada congressional delegation that military health insurance plans provide coverage for termination of pregnancy for active military members or their dependents who have a fetus with congenital anomalies incompatible with survival. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
209. **2018-14** **Gun Violence:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports making it unlawful to sell guns to persons below age 21 years. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
210. **2018-15** **School Safety:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association opposes requirements or incentives for teachers to carry firearms on school campuses or in performance of their professional duties. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
211. **2018-16** **Firearm Safety:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association shall supports legislation that requires firearms, when stored, be kept unloaded and secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper resistant mechanical lock or other safety device. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
212. **2018-17** **Enforced Universal Background Checks for Gun Purchases:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association shall encourage enforcement of legislation that requires all gun purchasers to pass a background check except as exempted by law. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
213. **2018-18** **Creating Model Legislation for Primary Seat Belt Laws:** *That our Nevada State Medical Association support the implementation of primary seat belt legislation in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
214. **2018-19** **Sex Education in Schools:** *That our Nevada State Medical Association publicly advocate and actively lobby for legislation to establish a consistent, state-wide, age-appropriate, scientifically valid, evidence-based curriculum that includes the normal, healthy biology of sexual development, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual responsibility, and social skills to avoid exploitation, disease, and unwanted pregnancy; That said curriculum designed and established by an advisory council that includes well qualified professionals in medicine, psychology, and education; that the curriculum be sequential and comprehensive extending from kindergarten through the 12th grade. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
215. **2018-20** **Red Flag Law:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate and actively lobby for legislation similar to SB 387 of 2017 providing for restraining orders against persons at high risk for violent behavior based on prior history that includes prohibition of possession of firearms and relinquishment of firearms they may possess for the duration of the order; that the Nevada state medical association collaborate with other such advocacy groups as may endorse such a law. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
216. **2018-21** **Requiring Helmets for Motorized Vehicles:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association publicly advocate for legislation that requires helmets for drivers and passengers of ATV's and any motorized vehicle without a passenger restraint system in Nevada. (Reaffirmed 2023)*

217. **2018-23** **Psychiatric Oversight of Child and Adolescent Governmental Agency Services:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the general principle of psychiatric leadership over psychiatric matters; that the NSMA support legislation that would implement a pediatric psychiatry quality assurance system that oversees and directs psychiatric care principles for children and adolescents who are under the care of county and state officials and their functionaries. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
218. **2018-24** **Public Health Funding:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support adequate funding for governmental public health through increased direct funding to Nevada health departments and districts. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
219. **2018-27 (E)** **Reducing Harm to Sex Workers:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports legislation that will:*
- (1) *Establish safe houses with social services, health & addiction care services, including assistance in seeking jobs, training for employment, and housing, for persons exiting the sex work industry.*
 - (2) *Expunge criminal records of prostitution to facilitate exiting illegal prostitution, including removing the barriers to job application, housing, loans, etc.*
 - (3) *Repeal laws punishing provision of social, medical or commercial services to sex workers in exchange for money earned in illegal sex work.*
 - (4) *Embed social services and counseling for sex workers in police departments.*
 - (5) *Establish best practices protocols in police departments that focus on a) preventing coercion of and violence toward sex workers, b) identifying underage sex workers and facilitating their exit from prostitution, c) identifying, arresting, and prosecuting traffickers and procurers, and d) identifying adults coerced into prostitution and facilitating their safe exit from prostitution.*
 - (6) *Prosecute violence against sex workers as a felony; have sex workers a protected class. Enhance investigation and prosecution of human trafficking, pandering, or in any way intimidating adults or children to engage in prostitution,*
- AMA delegation from Nevada will bring a resolution to this effect to the AMA house of delegated session. (Reaffirmed 2023)*
220. **2019-02** **Cannabidiol (CBD) Safety:** *That the position of Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall be that sound scientific research should be available proving the safety and effectiveness of CBD compounds for medical conditions before they are approved for general distribution and sale in Nevada;*
- And, be it further*
- That NSMA advocate for laws and regulations that make it illegal for Nevada merchants to sell CBD containing products, including edibles, that are not tested by an independent laboratory verifying the correct amount of CBD on the product label and that there is no THC or other contaminants in the product.*
221. **2019-03** **Import Safe Drugs:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that the office of the Governor and the Board of Pharmacy implement the requirements of the applicable existing Nevada revised statutes regarding importation of prescription drugs from Canada to Nevada citizens.*
222. **2019-04** **Safety of Passengers in The Open Bed of a Truck:** *That Nevada State Medical Association advocate for revising the existing laws and regulations relating to transporting minors younger than 18 years of*

age in the open bed of a truck to substantially increase penalties, and it shall be considered a moving traffic violation and an act of negligence or causation for civil action.

223. **2019-05** **The Climate Change Lecture for Nevada Medical School(s):** *That Nevada State Medical Association will encourage and support adding topics of climate change and environmental responsibilities into our Nevada medical school curricula.*

224. **2019-06** **Climate Change and Public Health:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association advocates that the AMA and our Nevada congressional delegation promote federal legislation and funding to implement comprehensive evidence-based approaches to mitigate and adapt to climate change to protect and promote the health and well-being of the public.*

And, be it further

That NSMA promotes the implementation of evidence-based actions to mitigate and adapt to adverse health effects of temperature extremes to Nevada's city and county governance.

225. **2019-07** **A Governor's Opioid and Substance Abuse Task Force:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association recommend that the governor of the State of Nevada appoint a multidisciplinary task force of experts to develop a comprehensive plan to effectively address the epidemic of deaths due to substance use disorders including opioid abuse, in all its dimensions.*

226. **2019-09** **Reimbursement for Immunizations:** *The Nevada State Medical Association encourages regulatory changes that would require reimbursement for vaccines and their administration during any clinical encounter regardless of the reason for the visit.*

227. **2019-10** **School and Childcare Documentation of Immunization Exemption:** *The Nevada State Medical Association encourages legislative and administrative efforts to standardize reporting of immunization exemptions;*

And be it further

The NSMA also encourage efforts for the State of Nevada to have a centralized system to monitor and track immunization exemptions.

228. **2019-11** **Preventing Anti-Transgender Violence:** *Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) support efforts to educate the general public, health professionals, legislators and law-enforcement about hate crimes against transgender individuals;*

And, be it further

NSMA supports equal access to respectful and safe medical and mental healthcare at the local, state, and federal levels for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex and asexual/allied (LGBTQIA+) individuals.

229. **2019-12** **Clinical Practice Toolkits:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) Medical Practice Commission review evidence-based toolkits from the AMA and other professional organizations and promote said toolkits on the NSMA website.*

230. **2019-15** **Health Coverage Options for All Nevadans:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for healthcare policies that allow all Nevadans opportunities to obtain affordable healthcare coverage.*

231. **2019-16** **Health, in All Its Dimensions, is a Basic Human Right:** Nevada State Medical Association acknowledge healthcare as a basic human right;

And, be it further

That the provision of healthcare services as well as optimizing the social determinants of health is an ethical obligation of a civil society.

232. **2019-17** **Definition and Use of the Term “Physician”:** Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) adopt and support AMA policy which affirms that the term physician be limited to those people who have a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, or a recognized equivalent physician degree and who would be eligible for an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) residency; and discontinue using the word provider when referring to physicians.

233. **2019-18** **Truth in Advertising:** That Nevada State Medical Association support the AMA’s reaffirmed support of the “scope of practice partnerships truth in advertising campaign” to ensure patients receive accurate information about who is providing their care;

And, be it further

NSMA oppose any misappropriation of medical specialty titles.

234. **2019-19** **Elective IV Hydration:** That the Nevada State Medical Association educate the public that elective intravenous hydration is medically unnecessary, potentially harmful, and strongly discouraged.

235. **2019-21** **Telemedicine for Mental Health:** That the Nevada State Medical Association support development of a Nevada focused mental health training program in concert with the Nevada Psychiatric Association which includes Nevada culture, laws and resources for physicians and other medical professionals who contract to provide mental health care through telemedicine in Nevada.

236. **2019-23** **Surprise Lack of Insurance Coverage:** That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) and the Government Affairs Commission educate our members on the implications of AB469 (2019);

And, be it further

That NSMA request and encourage the governor’s patient protection commission to review and study the effects of AB469 (2019) on network adequacy and patient access to both primary and specialty care.

237. **2020-02** **Denouncing Racism:** That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) stands with the AMA recognizing that racism in its systemic, structural, institutional, and interpersonal forms is an ongoing fundamental threat to public health, the advancement of health equity, and a barrier to excellence in the delivery of medical care.

And, be it further

That the NSMA opposes all forms of racism, including racially motivated violence.

And, be it further

The NSMA will actively work with ama to dismantle racist and discriminatory policies and practices across all of health care.

238. **2020-03** **Education Supporting Advanced Care Directives (ACD) with Patients:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the education of all health care providers on the various advanced care directive options available to patients, including the Nevada physician order for life-sustaining treatment.*
239. **2020-04** **Support Movements that Prevent and Eliminate all forms of Sexual Harassment in the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that the state of Nevada, the Nevada state board of medical examiners and Nevada state board of osteopathic medical examiners seek to support victims of sexual harassment and gender bias, and that any substantiated claims past or present against perpetrators working at the Nevada state board of medical examiners and Nevada state board of osteopathic medical examiners result in the immediate removal of individuals who have documented cases of sexual harassment and gender bias.*
240. **2020-05** **Compensation for Telemedicine Services:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada approve legislation and regulations authorizing telehealth payments at rates equal to in-person visits.*
241. **2020-06** **Fair Fees for Interstate Medical Licensure in Nevada:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada medical and osteopathic licensing boards reduce barriers to access to care for Nevadans by setting their licensing fees at a rate commensurate with the average of neighboring states.*
242. **2020-09** **Opt Out of Consent for Health Information Sharing:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall support Nevada legislation to authorize Nevadans to opt out of sharing their clinical information securely with their healthcare providers rather than requiring them to opt in to share their clinical information securely with their health care providers.*
243. **2020-11** **Commitment to Justice,** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports appropriate police actions and opposes use of excessive force.*
244. **2020-12** **Public-Private Partnership for a State Health Data Utility:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada Department of Health and Human Services should develop a public-private partnership for a state health data utility regulated by state representatives and operated by the private statewide health information exchange.*
245. **2020-13** **Racial Disparities in Health Care Training:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall advocate that Nevada physicians root out racial bias and injustice when training physicians and administering health care.*

And, be it further

That NSMA shall encourage county medical societies and medical education programs to include education on racial bias among health care providers and trainees.

246. **2020-14** **Wearing a Mask for the Benefit of Public Health:** *That Nevada State Medical Association support wearing a mask as outlined by the CDC.*
247. **2020-15** **Addressing the Shortage of Abortion Providers in Nevada:** *That, the Nevada State Medical Association, in order to ensure the availability of safe, legal, and accessible abortion services within our state, supports expanding the pool of first-trimester medication and aspiration abortion providers to include appropriately trained and credentialed advanced practice clinicians.*
248. **2020-17** **Appropriate Vaccinations for Employees of Long-Term Care Facilities and Hospitals:**

That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate for legislation or regulatory statute that would require long-term care facilities to offer all CDC/ACIP recommended vaccinations for health care workers to their staff at no cost.

249. **2020-18** **Curbing the Urban Heat Island Effect in Nevada Cities:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) advocate climate action plans to reduce the urban heat island effect, as well as our contribution to greenhouse gases, e.g. methane and carbon dioxide,*

And, be it further

That such climate action plans may include increasing green canopy to 25% of each city's land area; cool roofs, cool pavement technology, and high albedo in new construction; cool shelters for the vulnerable during heat waves, deployment of technology to reduce methane emissions from wastewater treatment plants and landfills; and reducing carbon emissions from vehicular fleets,

And, be it further

That the NSMA engage with the mayor and city councils of Nevada's Major cities, and the governor of Nevada, in advancing such climate action plans.

250. **2020-19** **Hospital Based Pneumococcal Immunization:** *That all hospitals in Nevada be advised to establish and maintain a program of offering pcv-13 to all unimmunized immunocompromised patients at risk for invasive pneumococcal disease upon hospital discharge.*

And, be it further

That the program should include counseling to receive ppv-23 one year later, or in the case of asplenia, cochlear implants or cerebrospinal fluid leaks, 8 weeks later,

And, be it further

That the Nevada State Medical Association communicate this proposal to the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), and collaborate with the NHA to develop such a program in all Nevada hospitals.

251. **2020-20** **Improving Resources for Opiate Use Disorder Treatment at Hospital Discharge:** *That the Nevada state medical association develops a best practice resource for discharge of patients hospitalized due to opioid use disorder including naloxone distribution, referral for potential counseling and medication assisted therapy;*

And, be it further

That the Nevada State Medical Association seek to work with relevant stakeholders such as the Nevada hospital association, the Nevada chapter of the American college of emergency physicians, and the Nevada society of addiction medicine to develop this resource.

252. **2020-21** **Medicaid Reimbursement Cuts:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association advocate for the return of Medicaid reimbursement rates to levels equal to or higher than the fee schedules in place prior to July 2020.*

253. **2020- 22** **Alternative for School-Based Health Services:** *Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) support legislation and policies that will advance telehealth and teledentistry to improve the health outcomes of Nevada's vulnerable populations.*

And, be it further

That the NSMA encourage medical-dental integration that would introduce dental assessments and the delivery of dental preventive services into a well-check visit to increase value-based patient centered care.

And, be it further

That the NSMA support innovative mechanism to provide preventive medical and dental services focuses on children previously served through school-based health services. This includes medical and dental consultations via an electronic platform, drive-through screening, and small group of home-based delivery of preventive services.

254. **2020-24** **SB4-Regarding all Hospitals and Health Care Facilities:** *That the Nevada State Legislature protects all hospitals and medical facilities providing healthcare by including them for immunity under SB4.*

255. **2021-02** **Change Kratom to a Schedule 1 Drug:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall encourage the Nevada Board of Pharmacy to add Kratom's two psychoactive ingredients, Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxymitragynine, to category 1 of the scheduled controlled substances in Nevada.*

And, be it further

That Nevada State Medical Association encourage the state legislature to rescind their vote on the Kratom consumer protection act in 2019.

And, be it further

That NSMA supports national and state legislative or regulatory efforts to prohibit the sale or distribution of Kratom in the United States, which do not inhibit proper scientific research.

256. **2021-03** **CME Credit Requirement for Health Care Providers:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate for allowing human trafficking topics to qualify as contributing to the CME ethics requirement for state medical licensure.*

257. **2021-04** **Facilitates an Inviting and Simplified Licensing Process:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association will collaborate with state medical licensing boards to create a streamlined application process that facilitates a simplified licensing process similar to neighboring states.*

258. **2021-05** **Human Trafficking Resources in the Emergency Department:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall support and assist in the voluntary implementation of posting contact information for local and national resources in every E.D., urgent care and other patient examination room settings to ensure that victims are informed about and provided with resources which might allow them to escape their current enslavement.*

259. **2021-06** **Impact of Resolutions:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall evaluate the prior years' resolutions and report to the NSMA annual meeting the impact that each resolution has had on physicians, patients and/or society at large.*

And, be it further

That the NSMA staff and leadership will prepare a memo report summarizing the previous year's resolutions that will be submitted to the house of delegates to review.

260. **2021-07** **Promoting Specificity and Transparency when the Word Provider is Used:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall advocate that Nevada approve legislation and regulations designating hospital, clinic, and treatment center organizations as providers and designating individuals who deliver patient care services as health care professionals, health care practitioners, or clinicians.*
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262. **2021-08** **Reserving the Term Investigation for Credible Cases of Physician Misconduct:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports the concept that all Nevada state agencies undertake investigations of a physician only after a preliminary review finds probable evidence of the physician’s violation of an applicable statute or regulation governing the practice of medicine. The terms “review and evaluation” should be used in regard to complaints until such evidence is documented.*
263. **2021-10** **Promoting Effective Collaborations of Administrators and Physicians:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association shall work with the medical group management association, Nevada Hospital Association, and health care administration program leaders to implement joint education programs for physicians, in particular employed physicians, and administrators to promote further collaboration and helps build trust between physicians and administrators.*
264. **2021-11** **Urgent Need to Prepare for the Next Pandemic:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall advocate at the local, state and federal levels for essential public health planning for future pandemics. These plans should include, but not be limited to supply chain concerns, budget considerations for personal protective equipment, hospital isolation equipment, mechanical ventilators, testing related supplies and reagents, medication and vaccination purchases and distribution, and school and public spaces social distance measures.*
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- And, be it further
- That NSMA shall work with the Nevada government as well as the federal government to ensure that properly trained medical and public health personnel are continuously involved in preparation for and response plans for future pandemics, including the proper use and utilization of tests, medications and vaccinations for future pandemics.*
266. **2021-12** **Allowing Residents and Medical Students to Serve as Component Society Delegates:** *That our Nevada State Medical Association amend the NSMA bylaws by addition to read as follows:*

SECTION 2. *Apportionment*

- A. *COMPONENT SOCIETIES - Each component society shall be entitled to representation in the House by one delegate or alternate delegate for each twenty active members or fraction thereof as recorded in the NSMA office 30 days immediately following the membership delinquency date as provided for in Chapter III (section2).*
- B. *RESIDENTS- Each component society shall be entitled to **two** delegates and **two** alternate delegates from their active Resident members.*
- C. *MEDICAL STUDENTS- Each component society shall be entitled to **two** delegates and **two** alternate delegates from their active Medical Student members.*

SECTION 3. *Delegates*

- A. *QUALIFICATIONS- In order to be eligible for membership in the House of Delegates, delegates and alternate delegates must have been active members of the Association or resident members for at least one year. This requirement shall be waived for resident and student delegates.*

281. **2021-14** **Preferential Matching of Nevada Medical School Graduates to Nevada ACGME Residency**

Positions: Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) will notify Nevada residency program directors of the Importance of considering Nevada medical school graduates to match to their Residency programs.

And, be it further

NSMA shall advocate for legislation requiring ACGMA program directors to appear before the interim health committee on even years, and before the health Committees of the assembly and senate during the legislative years to report the Numbers of Nevada medical school graduates serving in the first year of Residency in their respective ACGMA programs.

282. **2021-16** **Health Organizations Climate and Carbon Pricing Declaration:** That the Nevada State Medical Association will sign the [health care organizations climate and carbon pricing declaration](#), and in so doing, indicate organizational support for federal carbon pricing legislation that is bipartisan, achieves a rapid reduction in greenhouse gas emissions targeted to keep global temperature increases below 2.0 °C, and protects households from the impact of rising fossil fuel costs by returning revenue to them as dividends.

283. **2021-17** **NSMA Join Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health:** That the Nevada State Medical Association will join the medical society consortium on climate and health as an affiliate organization.

284. **2021-18** **Death Certificate Registration:** That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) support legislation in the Nevada state legislature to extend the length of reporting time for filing death certificates from 72 hours to three business days and to permit a substitute signer in the event that the original certifier is not available.

And, be it further

That NSMA support legislation in the Nevada state legislature to provide funding for a modern, up-to-date electronic reporting system compatible with modern, portable, electronic devices.

And, be it further

That NSMA support the dissemination of the Nevada vital statistics department's educational programs regarding how to accurately complete death certificates.

285. **2021-19** **NSMA Diversity and Equity Committee:** The Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) establish a diversity and equity ad hoc committee that will Report to the NSMA council.

And, be it further

The NSMA ad hoc diversity committee includes non-voting community members to help advise us to find answers to the diversity and inequity challenges we all face in healthcare.

286. **2021-20E** **Sex Option 'X' in Addition to Male and Female on Birth Certificates:** That the Nevada State Medical Association support adding an option "x" (indeterminate, intersex, or unspecified) in addition to male and female on birth certificates.

287. **2021-21E** **Updating Information on Nevada Birth Certificates:** That Nevada State Medical Association support that birth certificates should now include gender-Neutral options in addition to mother and father options for identifying the parents of a child.

288. **2021-22E** **Incarcerated Patients' Access to Evidence-Based care for OUD:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support the courts and the state legislature to increase access to evidence-based care for opioid use disorder for incarcerated and justice-involved individuals.*

289. **2021-23E** **Medication for Opioid use disorder 2021:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) affirm that no physician or medical student should be presumed to be impaired by substance or illness solely because they are diagnosed with a substance use disorder.*

And, be it further

That Nevada State Medical Association affirm that no physician or medical student should be presumed impaired because they and their treating physician have chosen medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) to address the substance use disorder, including methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.

Be it further

That NSMA strongly encourage the leadership of physician health and Wellness programs, state medical boards, hospital and health system Credentialing bodies, and employers to help end stigma and discrimination against physicians and medical students with substance use disorders.

And, be it further

That NSMA allow and encourage the usage of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), including methadone or buprenorphine, when clinically appropriate and as determined by the physician or medical student (as patient) and Their treating physician, without penalty (such as restriction of privileges, Licensure, ability to prescribe medications or other treatments, or their limits on Their ability to practice medicine), solely because the physician's or medical student's treatment plan includes MOUD.

290. **2021-25E** **Nevada State Medical Association Recognition of Escalating Youth Suicide and Commitment to Reduce Youth Suicide Rate through the Dissemination of Educational Resources and Tools for Physicians:** *That Nevada state medical association have a policy that recognizes Youth and young adult suicide as a serious health concern in the us;*

Be it further

That the Nevada state medical association encourage legislative efforts to provide youth and young adults better and more equitable access to treatment and care for depression, substance use disorder, and other disorders that Contribute to suicide risk;

Be it further

That the Nevada state medical association make the recent ama report, Increases in youth suicide, available on its website and its component county medical societies' websites, as well as other current relevant resources.

291. **2021-26E** **Immunization of Unvaccinated Hospital Patients Against Covid-19:** *That the Nevada state medical association urgently recommends to the Nevada hospital association that patients in hospital, emergency department, and urgent care settings who are unvaccinated candidates be offered covid-19 immunization.*

292. **2021-27E** **Digital Vaccine Credential Systems and Vaccine Mandates in Covid-19:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) support the development of clear, strong, universal, and enforceable federal guidelines for the design and implementation of digital vaccination credentialing services before implementing their use;*
- And, be it further*
- That equity-centered privacy protections must be in place to safeguard data and that provisions further ensure vaccine credentials do not exacerbate existing inequities and provide certification for valid medical exemptions.*
- And, be it further*
- That persons subject to the mandate be given meaningful opportunity to voluntarily accept vaccination before the mandate takes effect;*
- And, be it further*
- That implementation of any mandate minimizes any potential for exacerbating inequities for marginalized communities.*
- And, be it further*
- That well-designed education and outreach efforts be made to promote vaccination and build public trust in control strategies.*
- And, be it further*
- That the NSMA recommend that vaccine credentials be evidence-based, and not be provided on the basis of natural immunity or prior sars-cov-2 infection, but rather on the basis of receipt of a full vaccination course.*
293. **2021-28E** **Covid-19 Mandate for Healthcare Workers:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association calls for all health care and long-term care employers to require their employees to be vaccinated against covid-19 with exemptions as provided in law for affected employees.*
294. **2021-29E** **Nevada College Student Covid-19:** *The Nevada State Medical Association support mandatory covid 19 vaccination policies for students and faculty in the Nevada system of higher education and private colleges and universities in Nevada, unless a medical or religious exception applies.*
295. **2022-02** **Opposing the Censorship of Sexuality and Gender Identity Discussions in Public Schools:** *That our Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) oppose censorship of LGBTQIA+ topics and opposes any Policies that limit discussion or restrict mention of sexuality, sexual orientation, and gender identity in schools or educational curricula;*
- And, be it further*
- That our NSMA support policies that ensure an inclusive, well-rounded Educational environment free from censorship of discussions surrounding sexual orientation, sexuality, and gender identity in public schools.*
296. **2022-03** **Addressing Healthcare Workforce Shortages in Rural Nevada:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports the Nevada State Office of Rural Health in developing and implementing strategies, tactics, and work plans to recruit and retain more healthcare professionals in rural Nevada.*

297. **2022-04** **Removing Barriers to and Providing Incentives for the Administration of Vaccines:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall work with Nevada policymakers, government agencies and others to identify best practices to remove barriers to and provide incentives for the administration of all vaccines in physician practices in Nevada.*
298. **2022-05** **Preserving Access to Reproductive Health Services:** *That our Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA): Recognizes that healthcare, including reproductive health services like Contraception and abortion, is a human right; and, the NSMA reaffirm 2019-16 health, in all its dimensions, is a basic human right. In this policy Nevada state medical association acknowledged healthcare is a basic human right and further that the provision of healthcare services as well as optimizing the social determinants of health is an ethical obligation of a civil society; and opposes limitations on access to evidence-based reproductive health services, including fertility treatments, contraception, and abortion; and,*
- Will work with interested state medical specialty societies to vigorously advocate for broad, equitable access to reproductive health services, including fertility treatments, contraception, and abortion; and,*
- Supports shared decision-making between patients and their physicians regarding reproductive healthcare; and,*
- Opposes any effort to undermine the basic medical principle that clinical assessments, such as viability of the pregnancy and safety of the pregnant person, are determinations to be made only by healthcare professionals with their patients; and,*
- The NSMA further supports the right to privacy and termination of pregnancy, the position that the termination is a medical matter between the patient and the physician, subject to the physician’s clinical judgement, the patient’s informed consent, and the availability of appropriate facilities.*
- The NSMA affirm its opposition to legislative proposals that utilize federal or state health care funding mechanisms to deny established and accepted medical care to any segment of the population; and,*
- Opposes the imposition of criminal and civil penalties or other retaliatory efforts against patients, patient advocates, physicians, other healthcare workers, and health systems for receiving, assisting in, referring patients to, or providing health services; and*
- Will advocate for legal protections for patients who cross state lines to receive reproductive health services, including contraception and abortion, or who receive medications for contraception and abortion from across state lines, and legal protections for those that provide, support, or refer patients to these services; and,*
- Will review the NSMA policy compendium and recommend policies which should be amended or rescinded to reflect these core values, with report back to hod in 2023;*
- Be it further*
- The issue of support or opposition to abortion is a matter for members of the NSMA to decide individually, based on personal values or beliefs. The NSMA will take no action which may be construed as an attempt to alter or influence the personal views of individual physicians regarding abortion procedures; and,*
- No physician or other professional personnel shall be required to perform an act violative of good medical judgment or personally held moral principles. In these circumstances good medical practices requires only that the physician or other professional withdraw from the case so long as the withdrawal is consistent with good medical practice; and,*

Our NSMA; (1) urges health care professionals to provide care for women of reproductive age, to assist them in planning for pregnancy and support age-appropriate education in esteem building, decision-making and family life in an effort to introduce the concept of planning for childbearing in the educational process; (2) supports reducing unintended pregnancies as a national goal; and (3) supports the training of all primary care physicians and relevant allied health professionals in the area of preconception counseling, including the recognition on long-acting reversible contraceptives as efficacious and economical forms of contraception medical training and termination of pregnancy;

1. NSMA supports the education of medical students, resident and young physicians about the need for physicians who provide termination of pregnancy services the medical and public health importance of access to safe termination of pregnancy, and the medical, ethical, legal and psychological principles associated with termination of pregnancy. 2. our NSMA supports the availability of abortion education and exposure to procedures for termination of pregnancy, including medication abortions, for medical students and resident/fellow physicians and oppose efforts to interfere with or restrict the availability of this education and training. 3. Our NSMA encourages the accreditation council for graduate medical education to consistently enforce compliance with the standardization of abortion training opportunities as per the requirements set forth by the review committee for obstetrics and gynecology and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' recommendations.

299. **2022-07 Strengthen Authority of Health Officers During A Public Health Emergency:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall support the efforts of the Nevada public health association, the Nevada public health institute, the southern Nevada health district, and the Washoe county health district to review best practices in other states to pursue codifying into law the authority of the governor and health officers during a public health emergency.*

300. **2022-09 Public Health Improvement Fund:** *That Nevada State Medical Association supports efforts to establish a public health improvement fund to be administered by the division of public and behavioral health.*

301. **2022-10 Prevention of Gun Violence in Nevada:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) support the ama policy regarding firearms and high-risk individuals – ama policy no. H145.972*

And, be it further,

that NSMA advocate with Nevada policy makers to develop legislation consistent with that policy.

302. **2022-11 Nevada Medical Licensing Application Simplification:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall collaborate with members of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners to explore best practices of other state medical boards that offer simpler and faster application procedures consistent with Nevada State law. That are implemented to attract more qualified physicians to practice in Nevada.*

303. **2022-13 Increasing Nevada Recruitment & Retention of Physicians:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall work with Nevada policymakers, government agencies, and employers to improve incentives and remove barriers that influence successfully recruiting and retaining, established and graduating physicians to practice in Nevada.*

And, be it further,

That NSMA shall work with Nevada policymakers, government agencies, and employers to improve incentives and remove barriers that influence successfully recruiting, retaining, and returning medical students to practice in Nevada.

304. **2022-14 Fix Prior Authorization:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) acknowledge and support AMA policy h320.939 prior authorization and utilization management reform.*

And, be it further

that NSMA work with Nevada policy makers to implement prior authorization and utilization management reform in the state of Nevada.

305. **2022-15 Family Planning Services for Minors Without the Consent of a Parent or Guardian:** *That Nevada State Medical Association shall collaborate with Nevada public health association, the Nevada Public Health Institute, the Southern Nevada Health District, and the Washoe County Health District to allow provisions for family planning and pregnancy services for minors without the consent of a parent or guardian.*

306. **2022-18 NSMA Diversity and Equity Committee:** *The Nevada State Medical Association approve bylaws change to make the diversity and equity committee a standing committee.*

307. **2022-20 NSMA Support of County Medical Society Student Insurance Option:** *Nevada State Medical Association support affordable health insurance and disability insurance options for medical students, consistent with ama policy h.295.942.*

308. **2022-E1 Delegate Eligibility:** *That the bylaws of the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) be amended to eliminate the one-year membership restriction to serve as a delegate to the NSMA annual meeting.*

309. **2022-E3 Frontier Medical Society:** *The Nevada State Medical Association amend the bylaws to establish the “frontier medical society” to represent physicians working in rural areas including Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey and White Pine counties.*

And, be it further

The rural/frontier representative to the executive committee must be selected by the “frontier medical society”.

310. **2022-19 Health Insurance Relationships to Healthcare Entities:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association house of delegates expresses its concern over stipulations that limit physicians and patients’ choice as to where they are admitted for care.*

311. **2022-21 Warning label for recreational marijuana products in Nevada:** *That Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) encourage Nevada lawmakers to require that all recreational marijuana products for sale in the state of Nevada be accompanied by an appropriate warning label describing the potentially harmful health consequences of recreational marijuana use and require recreational marijuana be sold in childproof packaging.*

And, it be further

That NSMA encourage Nevada lawmakers to require all forms of advertising and signage include an appropriate warning.

And, be it further

That upon passage of this resolution, the Nevada delegates to the AMA promulgate this resolution at the next annual ama house of delegates meeting.

312. **2022-22 Elimination of non-compete agreements for physicians:** *That Nevada State Medical Association work with the 2023 Nevada state legislature to enact legislation that bans noncompete agreements for healthcare professionals.*
313. **2023-02, Healthy Diets for Human and Planetary Health:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) supports measures to promote and ensure culturally appropriate healthy diets for all Nevadans, and NSMA supports the concept that a diet high in whole plant foods, and low in sugar, salt and processed foods is important for maintaining health, reducing chronic disease burden, and maintaining sustainable food systems, and*
- Be it further*
- That the NSMA supports nutrition education at all levels of professional development and among the public, and*
- Be it further*
- That the NSMA supports measures that reduce food insecurity and increase equitable access to healthy food for vulnerable populations, and*
- Be it further*
- That the NSMA supports increased provision of plant-based whole foods in our workplaces, health systems, and at NSMA and member society events.*
314. **2023-03, Ensuring High Schools and Middle Schools Possess Naloxone to Treat Instances of Opiate Overdoses:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) encourage Nevada schools, colleges, and universities to adopt legislative and regulatory policies that allow schools to make naloxone readily accessible on school campuses for all staff, teachers, and students to use as needed to prevent opioid overdose death. Training on the use of naloxone should be provided for the school staff, teachers, and students and*
- Be it further*
- That the NSMA encourage schools, colleges and universities to eliminate barriers that preclude students from carrying or accessing naloxone in school, and*
- Be it further*
- That the NSMA will advocate for this to the Nevada legislature.*
315. **2023-05, Pharmacists Scope of Practice and Patient Protection:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) oppose legislation and regulation allowing pharmacists to test for, diagnose, or treat medical conditions beyond their training and education. Additionally, if pharmacists test for, diagnose, or treat patients, they must be held to the same standard of care as a licensed physician and*
- Be it further*
- That the NSMA adopt this as policy.*

316. **2023-06, Workplace Heat Illness and Injuries**: *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall advocate for regulation that protects workers from heat illness and injuries.*

Be it further

That the NSMA adopt this as policy.

317. **2023-07, Strategy to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness**: *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) recognizes that loneliness and social isolation are public health crises. NSMA shall support efforts to address these issues and*

Be it further

That the NSMA adopt this as policy.

318. **2023-08, Medical Community Voting in Federal and State Elections**: *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) encourage all physicians and healthcare professionals to vote in local, state and federal elections, and*

Be it further

That the NSMA encourage civic engagement by our medical schools and GME programs to encourage physicians in training to vote in local, state and federal elections.

319. **2023-10, Destigmatizing Physician Mental Health Issues**: *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall support the provision of essential physician wellness resources, and*

Be it further

That the NSMA shall advocate for laws that protect physicians who seek care from punitive actions, and

Be it further

That the NSMA shall advocate for the removal of stigmatizing questions on applications for all licenses, hospital privileges, and insurance credentialing regarding past diagnoses of mental illness. Questions should instead focus on whether there is a current impairment.

320. **2023-11, Reports of the Board of Trustees to Include Relevant Information**: *That our delegates to the AMA will select the top 10 AMA reports of significant relevance to our state. These shall be added to the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) annual report and posted on our website. And*

Be it further

That it is the responsibility of the senior NSMA delegate to the ama to see that this is completed.

321. **2023-12, Firearm Regulation for Persons Convicted of a Violent Misdemeanor:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association promotes the prohibition of firearm possession for people who have been convicted of a violent misdemeanor.*

322. **2023-13, “ H.R. 2474 the Strengthening Medicare Patients and Providers Act:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) council expeditiously develop a plan to strongly urge every doctor in Nevada to advocate for passage of H.R.2474. And*

Be it further

That the NSMA president write a letter on behalf of the membership to the Nevada congressional delegation advocating for the passage of this bill by September 30, 2023.

323. **2023-14, Health Sector Decarbonization and Sustainability:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) supports a goal of health sector decarbonization to improve planetary health, and*

Be it further

NSMA supports and promotes members and their institutions to reduce waste in clinical care and reduce health sector carbon emissions, and

Be it further

NSMA commits to engaging its members in further discussion about health sector sustainability.

324. **2023-15, Support Clean Transportation:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association supports policies at all levels of government that speed transition to low emissions vehicles, enhance public transportation, and increase opportunities for safe walking, bicycling, and other non- vehicular transportation.*

325. **2023-17, Transparency identification of Health Care Workers:** *To provide full transparency, the Nevada State Medical Association encourages licensing boards and institutions to require every person involved with direct patient care to have their degree and role clearly delineated on their professional uniforms and/or name badges.*

326. **2023-21, Death with Dignity:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association support legislative efforts to authorize medical aid in dying, provided that the process is overseen solely by physicians, and provided that physicians shall not be required to prescribe medical aid in dying if it violates personally held ethical principles.*

327. **2023-22, Sex Education in Public Schools:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association will support changing the requirement for sex education from opt in to opt out.*

328. **2023-24, Prior Authorizations:** *That the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) shall advocate for legislation that would require health plans to institute prior authorization exemption for physicians who have a record of prior authorization approval of greater than 90% in the previous 12 months, and*

Be it further,

That our NSMA council will take action to advance legislation to address this issue, including writing a letter on behalf of the NSMA membership to the Nevada congressional delegation.

