

IDAHO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Report of REFERENCE COMMITTEE A

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1 Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

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3 Reference Committee A considered its agenda of resolutions and reports, and submits
4 the following report:

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6 1.) ADM IV – REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP

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8 RECOMMENDATION:

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10 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that ADM IV be adopted.

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12 ADM IV, Report of the Treasurer and Membership presents the 2017 Financial Audit of
13 the Idaho Medical Association (IMA) and contains a recommendation that the IMA
14 membership dues remain unchanged for the 2019 membership year.

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16 2.) RESOLUTION 101 (18) – PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM
17 SEARCHES AUTHORIZED BY PHYSICIANS FOR PRESCRIBERS IN THEIR
18 CHARGE

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20 RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

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22 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 101 (18) be
23 amended by insertion on page 2 lines 3 and 8 so that the lines read:

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25 RESOLVED, Idaho Medical Association adopts policy in support of physicians
26 having authority to access Idaho Prescription Monitoring Program
27 records of the non-physician prescribers they employ or
28 supervise; and be it further

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30 RESOLVED, Idaho Medical Association will work with the Idaho State Board of
31 Pharmacy on a process to allow physicians the authority to
32 access Idaho Prescription Monitoring Program records of non-
33 physician prescribers they employ or supervise.

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35 RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

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37 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 101 (18) be
38 adopted as amended.

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40 Resolution 101 directs the IMA to adopt policy in support of physicians having

1 authority to access Idaho Prescription Monitoring Program records of the prescribers
2 they employ or supervise and work with the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy on a
3 process to allow physicians the authority to access records of prescribers they employ
4 or supervise.

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6 Overall testimony was supportive. One delegate asked for clarification regarding
7 situations in which a physician is an owner of a practice employing other physicians
8 and if the resolution sought to allow the physician to access another physician's
9 prescribing records. The author of the resolution indicated that was not his intent and
10 submitted the amendment recommended above.

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12 3.) RESOLUTION 102 (18) – MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

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14 RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

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16 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 102 (18) be
17 amended by deletion on page 2 line 8 so that the lines read:

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19 RESOLVED, Idaho Medical Association reaffirm existing policies from past
20 years and, ~~if politically feasible~~, will pursue legislation whereby
21 maintenance of certification by a nationally recognized accrediting
22 organization that specializes to a specific area of medicine shall
23 not be required as a condition of licensure, hospital privileges,
24 insurance company credentialing, reimbursement, network
25 participation, liability insurance coverage or employment.

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27 RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

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29 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 102 (18) be
30 adopted as amended.

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32 Resolution 102 asks the IMA to reaffirm its policy regarding maintenance of
33 certification (MOC) and pursue legislation whereby maintenance of certification by a
34 nationally recognized accrediting organization that specializes to a specific area of
35 medicine shall not be required as a condition of licensure, hospital privileges,
36 insurance company credentialing, reimbursement, network participation, liability
37 insurance coverage or employment.

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39 The Committee heard significant testimony supporting the resolution. Delegates
40 highlighted the burdens inherent in MOC. Several cited the lack of evidence that MOC
41 results in better patient care. However, some physicians voiced opposition to the
42 resolution indicating that while they were aware of problems faced by certain
43 specialties their own experiences with MOC were positive.

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45 One delegate recommended that the resolution be broadened to include all board
46 certifications and submitted an amendment. However, several other delegates
47 opposed the amendment citing negative consequences to graduate medical
48 education. Therefore the Committee did not accept the amendment.

1 An amendment was submitted deleting the words “if politically feasible.” Another
2 delegate expressed confusion regarding the meaning of the phrase and to help clarify
3 the intent of the resolution, the Committee recommends its deletion.

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5 4.) RESOLUTION 103 (18) – STATEWIDE HEALTHCARE INNOVATION PLAN

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7 RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

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9 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 103 (18) be
10 amended by insertion and deletion on page 2 line 15 so that the lines read:

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12 RESOLVED, Idaho Medical Association work with partners throughout Idaho to
13 advocate for the sustainability of the Statewide Healthcare
14 Innovation Plan project goals of improved care coordination,
15 aligning payment mechanisms across payers to transform
16 payment methodology from volume to value and reduce overall
17 healthcare costs and support the foundation of timely access to
18 primary care to meet these goals through the ~~advisory council for~~
19 ~~Idaho healthcare~~ Healthcare Transformation Council of Idaho.

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21 RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

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23 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 103 (18) be
24 adopted as amended.

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26 Resolution 103 directs the IMA to work with partners throughout Idaho to advocate for
27 the sustainability of the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan project goals.

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29 The Committee did not hear any testimony in opposition to the resolution, however the
30 presenter of the resolution submitted an amendment to reflect the correct name of the
31 council and the Committee recommends that amendment is adopted.

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33 5.) RESOLUTION 104 (18) – REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDICAL INTERPRETERS IN
34 MEDICAL PRACTICES

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36 RECOMMENDATION:

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38 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 104 (18) be
39 adopted.

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41 Resolution 104 directs IMA to adopt policy and partner with the American Medical
42 Association to eliminate the financial burden to physicians, hospitals and healthcare
43 providers for the cost of interpretive services for individuals who are hearing impaired
44 or have Limited English Proficiency and seek opportunities to contract with a reputable
45 interpreter services entity to provide hearing impaired or Limited English Proficiency
46 interpreter services at a reduced rate for Idaho Medical Association members.

1 The Committee received testimony outlining the financial challenges physicians face
2 when providing competent interpreter services in their practices, especially in rural
3 areas. In some cases, practices lost money when seeing patients who require these
4 services.

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6 While requirements to provide these services can be seen as the cost of doing
7 business, the Committee felt that the will of the House was clear that reducing financial
8 burdens was an important component to ensuring access to care for hearing impaired
9 or Limited English Proficiency patients and expressed support for IMA facilitating
10 discounted services for IMA members and therefore recommends adoption of
11 Resolution 104.

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13 6.) RESOLUTION 105 (18) – PRIMARY CARE AND THE LINKAGE TO VALUE
14 BASED PAYMENT

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16 RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

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18 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 105 (18) be
19 referred to the Board of Trustees for decision and report back to the House of
20 Delegates.

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22 Resolution 105 instructs the IMA to work on legislation to ensure the increase in
23 primary care spending in Idaho shifts from five percent to twelve percent and advocate
24 on a legislative agenda that all insurance plans (public and private) licensed in Idaho
25 would be required to cover a defined set of essential health benefits in order to
26 achieve these important healthcare outcomes.

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28 The Committee received significant testimony both in support and opposition to
29 Resolution 105.

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31 Concerns with the first resolved clause centered on difficulties in accomplishing the
32 increase in primary care spending over the entire healthcare system. While the state
33 can increase primary care spending for state-funded plans, it cannot mandate an
34 increase by private payers. An amendment was proposed to remove the word “entire”
35 and replace it with “state funded.” Those supporting the first resolved clause
36 highlighted the benefits of primary care in lowering overall healthcare spending and
37 improving quality of care.

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39 Discussion of the second resolved clause centered on Idaho’s efforts to allow
40 insurance plans that do not include the defined set of essential health benefits.
41 Delegates questioned whether or not this was allowable under federal regulations, and
42 clarification was made that the ACA requirements are still in effect.

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44 Several delegates questioned the separate topics addressed by the two resolved
45 clauses and recommended consideration of each resolved clause individually. An
46 amendment was proposed to split the resolved clauses. The Committee contemplated
47 this option but ultimately determined that because it was difficult to determine the will
48 of the House, the resolution should be referred to the Board. This referral eliminates

1 the need to determine if a split is necessary, and therefore the amendment was not
2 accepted.

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4 Due to the complicated nature of the two issues addressed and strong opinions both in
5 support and opposition of the resolution, the Committee found it could not conclusively
6 determine the will of the House and recommends referral to the Board of Trustees for
7 decision.

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9 7.) RESOLUTION 106 (18) – SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF SUNSCREEN BY PUBLIC
10 SCHOOL STUDENTS

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12 RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

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14 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 106 (18) be
15 amended by insertion and deletion on page 1 line 15 and page 2 line 2 so that the
16 lines read:

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18 RESOLVED, Idaho Medical Association shall adopt policy in support of Idaho
19 school district policies allowing encouraging students to self-
20 administer sunscreen without physician or school authorization
21 while at school or under school authority; and be it further
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23 RESOLVED, Idaho Medical Association will work with stakeholders to develop
24 Idaho school district policies allowing encouraging students to
25 self-administer sunscreen without physician or school
26 authorization while at school or under school authority.
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28 RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:

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30 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 106 (18) be
31 adopted as amended.

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33 Resolution 106 directs the IMA to adopt policy in support of allowing students to self-
34 administer sunscreen without physician or school authorization and to work with
35 stakeholders to develop these policies for Idaho school districts.
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37 All testimony heard by the Committee supported this resolution. A delegate proposed
38 an amendment to strengthen the second resolved clause and the Committee
39 recommends the amendment be approved.
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41 8.) RESOLUTION 107 (18) – EXEMPTING MENTALLY ILL FROM BATTERY
42 AGAINST HEALTHCARE WORKER STATUTE

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44 RECOMMENDATION:

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46 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 107 (18) be
47 adopted.

1 Resolution 107 directs the IMA to adopt policy to oppose efforts to repeal Idaho Code
2 § 18-915C, that makes it a felony to commit battery against a healthcare worker and to
3 adopt policy in support of creating limited exemptions for those who commit battery
4 against a healthcare worker, but who at the time suffered from mental illness that
5 prevented them from acting with competence.

6 Several delegates expressed support for limited exemptions for individuals with mental
7 illness from felony charges when committing battery against a healthcare worker. A
8 delegate who originally opposed the resolution indicated that the inclusion of the
9 caveat of acting with competence addressed his/her concerns. Other delegates
10 stressed the importance of protecting healthcare workers in emergency departments.

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12 The Committee considered these concerns, but believe the resolution includes
13 adequate requirements to limit the exemptions and recommends adoption of the
14 resolution.

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16 9.) RESOLUTION 108 (18) – SUPPORT FOR HONORING CHOICES IDAHO
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18 RECOMMENDATION:
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20 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 108 (18) be
21 adopted.

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23 Resolution 108 directs the IMA to adopt policy in support of Honoring Choices Idaho
24 and to support their efforts to obtain statewide funding.

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26 The Committee heard testimony fully in support of the principles supporting advance
27 care planning. A delegate raised a concern with IMA supporting a specific
28 organization. The Committee considered this concern, however because of the overall
29 support for this important initiative and previous precedent set by the IMA in
30 referencing specific entities, the Committee recommends adoption of Resolution 108.

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32 10.) CONSENT CALENDAR:
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34 RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION:
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36 RESOLUTIONS:
37 RESOLUTION 109 (18) – Advance Directives for Patients with Dementia
38 RESOLUTION 110 (18) – Medicaid Family Planning Waiver
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40 REPORTS:
41 ADM I Report of the President
42 ADM II Report of the President-Elect
43 ADM III Report of the Board of Trustees
44 ADM V Trustee Report of District One
45 ADM VI Trustee Report of District Two
46 ADM VII Trustee Report of District Three
47 ADM VIII Trustee Report of District Four
48 ADM IX Trustee Report of District Five

1 ADM X Trustee Report of District Six
2 ADM XI Trustee Report of District Seven
3 ADM XII Report of the AMA Delegation
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5 Mr. Speaker, this concludes the Report of Reference Committee A. Your Reference
6 Committee wishes to thank all who participated in the hearing and contributed to the
7 preparation of this report.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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