

RESOLUTIONS FOR SUNSET

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TOMA FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR SELECTION

RESOLVED that the Texas Osteopathic Foundation chair shall be eligible to serve a maximum of 5 years.

RESOLUTION 2013-01, Reaffirmed 18

TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS IN TREATING MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association encourages a partnership with appropriate educational organizations and institutions to provide informed and improved training for our physicians through continuing medical education, seminars, webinars, conferences, journals and other educational training types in providing treatment and care for the population of mental health patients.

RESOLUTION 2013-02, Reaffirmed 18

J.D. SHEFFIELD, D.O.; TEXAS FIRST OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN STATE LEGISLATOR

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) House of Delegates goes on record as continuing to support J. D. Sheffield, D.O., District 59 as the first Osteopathic physician elected to the Texas House of Representatives; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this RESOLUTION regarding Dr. Sheffield be forwarded to the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates for appropriate recognition.

RESOLUTION 2013-03, Reaffirmed 18 with Amendments

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT AND ACCESS TO CARE

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) urges the Texas Legislature to reassess reimbursement to physicians treating Medicaid patients for the purpose of increasing reimbursement rates to physicians to prevent further loss of access to care for Medicaid patients.

RESOLUTION 2013-04, Reaffirmed 18

RECOVERY AUDIT CONTRACTORS

RESOLVED that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) supports removing the contingency payment for Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC's) and suggest that education be used instead of fines except for obvious intentional fraud; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the AOA House of Delegates.

RESOLUTION 2013-05, Reaffirmed 18

EDUCATION IN CHRONIC PAIN TREATMENT AND HEALTHCARE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS

RESOLVED that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association recommends that Physicians in Texas that prescribe to chronic pain patients obtain appropriate education and training in regards to treatment and health care of chronic pain patients through continuing medical education, seminars, webinars, conferences, journals and similar training materials.

RESOLUTION 2013-08, Reaffirmed 18

1 **HEALTH-TEST CURBS**

2 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) endorse the campaign, "Choosing
3 Wisely" along with multiple organizations that have also joined to help disseminate information and
4 education to patients and health care providers to make wise decisions; and
5 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) endorse this campaign along with multiple
6 organizations that have joined "Choosing Wisely" to help disseminate information and education to
7 patients and health care providers to make wise decisions; and
8 RESOLVED, that the AOA forward to osteopathic colleges and specialty colleges for consideration for
9 approval and further suggestions to add to the recommendations.

10 **RESOLUTION 2013-09, Reaffirmed 18**

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12 **OSTEOPATHIC CONTINUAL CERTIFICATION**

13 RESOLVED that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association encourages input from Osteopathic
14 Physicians on Maintenance of License rules; and
15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the AOA House of Delegates.

16 **RESOLUTION 2013-10, Reaffirmed 18**

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18 **SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE (SGR)**

19 RESOLVED that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association request that the US congress abolish the
20 Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) and devise a payment template that fairly and justly reimburses
21 physician for Medicare services to their patients,
22 RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the AOA House of Delegates.

23 **RESOLUTION 2013-11, Sunset 18**

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25 **PROMOTING USE OF OMT BY OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS DURING MEDICAL SCHOOL**
26 **ROTATIONS**

27 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates supports and encourages
28 osteopathic medical schools to assign osteopathic physicians practicing OMM along with osteopathic
29 medical students to offer hands-on OMT practice sessions to physicians teaching osteopathic medical
30 students in order to increase their understanding about OMT; and
31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the AOA House of Delegates.

32 **RESOLUTION 2013-12, Reaffirmed 18**

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34 **REINSTATEMENT OF PSI SIGMA ALPHA, NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC SCHOLASTIC HONOR SOCIETY**

35 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association requests that the Board of the American
36 Osteopathic Association reinstate the national Grand Chapter of Psi Sigma Alpha National Osteopathic
37 Scholastic Honor Society.

38 **RESOLUTION 2013-15, Sunset 18**

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40 **EMERITUS LICENSE FOR RETIRED PHYSICIANS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK IN UNDERSERVED AREAS**

41 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) support the concept of Emeritus
42 Physician License in the State of Texas; and
43 RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the American Osteopathic Association for their
44 consideration.

45 **RESOLUTION 2013-16, Reaffirmed 18**

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1 **OPPOSITION TO DELETERIOUS AND UNSAFE PRACTICES AND POLICIES BY THIRD PARTY PAYERS (AKA**
2 **HEALTH INSURERS) NEGATIVELY IMPACTING ON HEALTH CARE**

3 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) oppose third party payers utilizing
4 cost containment measures that include stepwise failures as opposed to the physician’s clinical
5 judgment in the initial approach to patient care; and

6 RESOLVED, that TOMA oppose the practice of third party payers enforcing physicians to prescribe
7 medications and/or other therapeutic modalities that are less effective and potentially more
8 dangerous; and

9 RESOLVED, that TOMA enlist the aid of the Texas Medical Association (TMA), American Osteopathic
10 Association (AOA), and the Texas State legislature in defeating this intrusive and possibly dangerous
11 policy; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the AOA House of Delegates; and
13 RESOLVED, that an AOA committee be established to coordinate with other states such as New York,
14 Connecticut, and Louisiana that already have begun to undertake legislative measures to help curtail
15 these third party payer abuses.

16 **RESOLUTION 2013-17, Reaffirmed 18**

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18 **HOST DISTRICT 2013**

19 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates expresses sincere appreciation to
20 TOMA District 5 for serving as the Host District for the TOMA/TXACOFJ Joint Annual Convention to be held in
21 Frisco, Texas June 13-16, 2013.

22 **RESOLUTION 2013-18, Sunset 18**