

April 9, 2019

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Dear Dr. King and Dr. Chaudhry:

On behalf of the American Medical Association (AMA) and our physician and medical student members, I am writing in support of Resolution 19-6 to be considered at the 2019 Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) House of Delegates Meeting. This resolution to review and update the Model Policy on DATA 2000 and Treatment of Opioid Addiction in the Medical Office Policy (2013) is timely, well-conceived and will help augment efforts to support evidence-based care for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

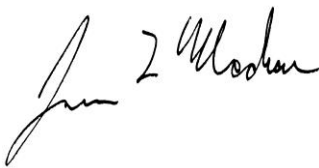
Potential benefits of updating the model policy include providing information on current research and law, updating terminology where necessary, and providing additional information regarding current policy issues that may limit access to treatment for persons with a substance use disorder. This will also provide a good opportunity to highlight certain issues for physicians and other health care professionals, including how buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder should not be used to calculate morphine milligram equivalency as well as issues unique to urgent and emergency care, including the 72-hour rule. The review also presents an opportunity to discuss the role that stigma plays in the treatment of substance use disorders, including providing recommendations to reduce its negative consequences.

The AMA has been pleased to play a constructive role in previous FSMB workgroups that have reviewed and presented recommendations on the use of opioid analgesics in the treatment of chronic pain. The AMA and the FSMB have a strong history of working together to help ensure that policies impacting the practice of medicine are focused on the primacy of the patient-physician relationship. If the FSMB believes the AMA's participation in the workgroup would be helpful, we would be pleased to lend our expertise.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the AMA's potential role in the FSMB workgroup, please contact Daniel Blaney-Koen, JD, Senior Legislative Attorney, AMA Advocacy Resource Center at [daniel.blaney-koen@ama-assn.org](mailto:daniel.blaney-koen@ama-assn.org) or (312) 464-4954.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim L Madara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James L. Madara, MD

cc: Lisa Robin



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FSMB Workgroup on Resolution 19-6

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- COS Jon Burkhardt 4/10/19
- Executive Offices JC 4/10/19
- EVP/CEO Jon Approved for Dr. Madara 4/10/19

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