

RESOLUTION 2022-B

SUBJECT: Medical Provider Protection for Alternate Non-Prevailing Medical Opinion

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Swetech, DO, FACOFP

REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs Reference Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as amended

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

1 **Whereas**, medical providers, ~~including Osteopathic Physicians~~, are well educated and familiar
2 with medical ~~knowledge~~ **INFORMATION**, some of which may appear in conflict **ING**; and
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4 **Whereas**, the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) is an organization ~~delivering~~ **WHOSE**
5 **MISSION INCLUDES** support **ING** ~~to~~ Michigan's Osteopathic Physicians **IN THEIR CLINICAL**
6 **PRACTICE**; and
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8 **Whereas**, Osteopathic Physicians are taught to be objective ~~to~~ **IN EVALUATING** voluminous
9 medical data; and
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11 ~~**Whereas**, the MOA's role as a physician support organization must support non-prevailing~~
12 ~~opposing views; and~~
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14 **Whereas**, alternative ~~views~~ **INTERPRETATIONS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION** by medical
15 professionals have always been considered, ~~normal~~ **SINCE ONE APPROACH MAY NOT FIT ALL**
16 **SITUATIONS** ~~(one-size never fits all)~~, and
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18 ~~**Whereas**, the label of "misinformation" should be dismissed for reasonable nonlethal~~
19 ~~alternative medical options, which have the potential to become the prevailing appropriate~~
20 ~~medical management; and~~
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22 **Whereas**, ~~recall that~~ Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO's Osteopathic philosophy was criticized as
23 radical and ~~would~~ **MAY** have been considered "misinformation," later to be accepted as
24 mainstay medical management; therefore be it
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26 **Resolved**, that the MOA ~~must~~ support a tenet that alternate medical management **OPTIONS**
27 ~~must~~ **SHOULD** not be **AUTOMATICALLY** dismissed as "misinformation," **PROVIDED THAT NO**
28 **HARM TO THE PATIENT OCCURRED**; and be it further

Resolved, that Osteopathic Physicians being accused of proposing misinformation, be ~~protected from being financially, reputationally, and academically, penalized by organizations and employers popularly labeled as “cancel culture”~~: GIVEN DUE PROCESS IN ORDER TO PRESENT OBJECTIVE, EVIDENCE-BASED DATA WHICH SUPPORT THE CLINICAL PRACTICES AND DECISIONS BEING CHALLENGED AS “MISINFORMATION”; and be it further

Resolved, that the MOA forward this resolution ~~properly formatted~~ to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) for national consideration and adoption.

~~Epilog~~ **FOOTNOTE**: Examples of treatments deemed favorable after medical scrutiny **INCLUDE BUT** are not limited to: *H. pylori* ~~association with~~ **RELATIONSHIP TO** gastrointestinal dysfunction, **VITAMIN** B-12 usage ~~replacing AS AN OPTION TO~~ folic acid for treatment of pernicious anemia; respirator limitations in Covid related lung disease; OMT implementation for musculo-skeletal Osteopathic lesions; ~~and more.~~

~~**Caveat**: be cautious in dismissing treatments which may be beneficial in the treatment of your patients, family, or self.~~