

Resolution 21-313
Corporate Practice of Medicine
South Florida Caucus

1 Whereas, A significant number of Florida's physicians are employed by a staffing company with private
2 equity backing or ownership; and
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4 Whereas, Florida already has statutes prohibiting the corporate practice of dentistry and optometry,
5 as well as, statutes prohibiting the fee splitting of physician professional fees; and
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7 Whereas, The Corporate Practice of Medicine (CPOM) doctrine is a legal prohibition that exists in
8 many states to keep the business interest out of the physician-patient relationship; and
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10 Whereas, The CPOM prohibition has as its main purpose the protection of patients and the avoidance
11 of the commercialization of the practice of medicine; and
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13 Whereas, Private equity ownership and corporate practice of medicine constitutes a financial conflict of
14 interest that harms the physician-patient relationship and the quality of healthcare; and
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16 Whereas, The CPOM can be detrimental to the physician and the public; Therefore, be it
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18 RESOLVED, That FMA will prepare a comprehensive review of the legal and regulatory matters related to
19 the corporate practice of medicine and fee splitting in Florida. The results of this review will be compiled
20 into a resource and announced to members as an available electronic download; and be it further
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22 RESOLVED, That FMA will provide assistance to physician owned groups who are threatened with
23 contract loss to a corporate entity or to hospital employed physicians whose site will be taken over by a
24 corporate entity by providing, upon request, a written review of the legality of the corporation
25 obtaining the contract for physician services; and be it further
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27 RESOLVED, That FMA will seek legislation for the further restriction of the corporate practice of medicine
28 similar to dentistry and optometry statutes, limiting ownership of physician practices or groups to
29 physicians only.

Fiscal Note:

Description	Amount	Budget Narrative
400 staff hours	\$62,100	Can be accomplished with current staff
Total	\$62,100	\$0 added to the operating budget

Fiscal notes are an estimate of the cost to implement a given Resolution. All Resolutions that are adopted by the House of Delegates will be referred to the FMA Committee on Finance and Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

Reference Committee: III – Legislative & Miscellaneous