

SUBJECT: RETAIL MEDICAL CLINICS IN FACILITIES SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS

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- 1 WHEREAS, smoking is one of the leading causes of chronic disease; and
- 2 WHEREAS, treatment and complications from these chronic diseases utilize much of America's
3 health care resources, and these complications are largely preventable by smoking cessation;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, the preponderance of evidence shows that active smoking cessation campaigns save
6 lives and resources; and
- 7 WHEREAS, health care providers are united on all efforts that will protect our patients from
8 smoking and the effects of second hand smoke; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the advertising and sale of tobacco products has often been aimed at vulnerable
10 segments of our society such as the pediatric and adolescent populations; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the standard for medical clinics discourages the use and sale of tobacco products; and
- 12 WHEREAS, placing retail medical clinics in establishments that sell tobacco products conveys a
13 message contrary to the efforts of health care providers; and
- 14 WHEREAS, that establishing retail medical clinics in facilities that promote and sell tobacco
15 products is contrary to the efforts and standards of the healthcare community at large; now,
16 therefore be it,
- 17 RESOLVED, that establishing retail medical clinics and limited service health clinics in facilities
18 that promote and sell tobacco products is contrary to the efforts and standards of the
19 healthcare community at large; and, be it further,
- 20 RESOLVED, that medical practices in retail facilities that promote the use of tobacco through the
21 sale of tobacco products be discouraged; and, be it further,
- 22 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) lobby legislators to ban or
23 discourage placement of medical practices in retail settings and limited service health clinics
24 that promote and sell tobacco.

ACTION TAKEN _____

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