

# Public Affairs Reference Committee

**Purpose:** To consider matters relating to public health and industrial health, such as medical care plans, health care for the aging, disaster medical care, physical fitness and sports medicine, mental health

**Resolutions:** 01, 06, 07, 08, 11, 13

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SUBJECT: Antibiotics for Medical Treatment, Preservation of

SUBMITTED BY: OOA Resolutions Committee

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

1 **RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT BE AMENDED**  
2 **AND APPROVED:**

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4 ~~WHEREAS, antibiotic feed additives are being used in the United States to promote~~  
5 ~~slightly faster growth of farm animals and to compensate for crowded and often~~  
6 ~~unsanitary animal husbandry conditions; and~~  
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8 ~~WHEREAS, mounting evidence shows that the routine feeding of antibiotics to farm~~  
9 ~~animals that are not sick promotes development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can be~~  
10 ~~transferred to people; and~~  
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12 ~~350 organizations, including the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION,~~  
13 ~~American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Infectious~~  
14 ~~Diseases Society of America, the American Public Health Association, and the National~~  
15 ~~Association of County and City Health Officials have called for the end to the routine use~~  
16 ~~of medically important antibiotics as feed additives; and~~  
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18 ~~WHEREAS, the Ohio Osteopathic Association is a member of the Emerging Infections~~  
19 ~~Advisory Committee of the Ohio Department of Health, which is concerned with~~  
20 ~~preserving the effectiveness of antibiotics for the treatment of disease in humans; and~~  
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22 ~~WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is empowered to withdraw~~  
23 ~~agricultural antibiotics from the market, the procedures to do so are cumbersome and~~  
24 ~~would take years for each type of antibiotic; now, therefore be it~~  
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26 ~~RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association CONTINUES TO support~~  
27 ~~legislation, such as the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2007 (S.~~  
28 ~~549, HR 962) which would BAN feed additive uses of antibiotics for non-~~  
29 ~~therapeutic uses PURPOSES (SUCH AS GROWTH PROMOTION, FEED~~  
30 ~~EFFICIENCY, WEIGHT GAIN, AND ROUTINE DISEASE PREVENTION), where~~  
31 ~~there is the absence of any clinical sign of disease IS NON-EXISTENT. -C such as for~~  
32 ~~growth promotion, feed efficiency, weight gain, routine disease prevention, or other~~  
33 ~~routine purposes; and, be it further~~  
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35 ~~RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the American Osteopathic~~  
36 ~~Association for consideration at its 2007 House of Delegates. (Original 2007)~~  
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38 ***EXPLANATORY NOTE: MORE THAN 350 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE***  
39 ***AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,***  
40 ***THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES***  
41 ***SOCIETY OF AMERICA, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, AND***  
42 ***THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE***

43 CALLED FOR THE END TO THE ROUTINE USE OF MEDICALLY IMPORTANT  
44 ANTIBIOTICS AS FEED ADDITIVES

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SUBJECT: Physician Placement in Rural Areas

SUBMITTED BY: OOA Resolutions Committee

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

1 **RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT BE AMENDED**  
2 **AND APPROVED:**

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4 RESOLVED that the Ohio Osteopathic Association work closely with the ~~Ohio~~  
5 ~~Osteopathic Hospital Association and OU-COM~~ the OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE  
6 COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF  
7 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
8 to encourage the placement of osteopathic physicians in rural and underserved areas in  
9 Ohio; and be it further

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11 RESOLVED that the OOA support the establishment of physician practices in rural areas  
12 by identifying appropriate sources of information and financial assistance. (*Originally*  
13 *passed, 1992*)

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SUBJECT: School Multiple Allergen Exposure Emergency Plan

SUBMITTED BY: OOA Resolutions Committee

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

1 **RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT BE AMENDED**  
2 **AND APPROVED:**

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4 ~~WHEREAS, food allergies are increasing in the general population and particularly in~~  
5 ~~younger children; and~~

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7 ~~WHEREAS, many children may have similar allergies; and~~

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9 ~~WHEREAS, allergens may be brought to school exposing and sensitizing some children~~  
10 ~~to develop mild, moderate or severe allergic responses; and~~

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12 ~~WHEREAS, most schools supply a nurse for minimal first aid, and administration of~~  
13 ~~medications, and that nurse may not be adequately trained to handle an allergic triage;~~  
14 ~~now, therefore, be it~~

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16 ~~RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association advocate that the board of education~~  
17 ~~develop plans for allergen exposure and allergic reactions to multiple children in the~~  
18 ~~same schools; and be it further,~~

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20 ~~RESOLVED, that this plan be reviewed and implemented by board of education~~  
21 ~~approved physicians, nurses and EMS. (Original 2007)~~

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23 **RESOLVED, THAT THE OHIO OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION URGES ALL**  
24 **SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN OHIO TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE ALLERGEN**  
25 **EXPOSURE EMERGENCY PLANS TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM FOOD**  
26 **ALLERGIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES SUCH AS BEE STINGS,**  
27 **MOLD, DUST, AND FRAGRANCES; AND BE IF FURTHER**

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29 **RESOLVED, THAT THE OOA WORK WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF**  
30 **HEALTH AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE**  
31 **THE FEASIBILITY OF CHANGING OHIO LAW TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO**  
32 **MAINTAIN STOCKS OF EPI-PENS TO USE ON ANY STUDENT SUSPECTED OF**  
33 **HAVING AN ALLERGIC REACTION (ANAPHYLAXIS); AND BE IT FURTHER,**

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35 **RESOLVED, THAT THE OOA ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBERS TO ASSIST**  
36 **SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN DEVELOPING THESE PLANS AND HELP EDUCATE**  
37 **PARENTS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ON HOW TO USE EPI-PENS IN**  
38 **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

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40 ***EXPLANATORY NOTE: IN JULY 2009, HOUSE BILL 1 DIRECTED OHIO SCHOOL***  
41 ***DISTRICTS TO PUT IN PLACE A POLICY SAFEGUARDING STUDENTS FROM***  
42 ***PEANUT OR OTHER FOOD ALLERGIES. THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF***  
43 ***EDUCATION HAS POSTED INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL***

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SUBJECT:               Securitization of Ohio's Tobacco Settlement Funds

SUBMITTED BY:       OOA Resolutions Committee

REFERRED TO:        Public Affairs Reference Committee

1   **RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT BE DELETED:**

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3   ~~WHEREAS, the State of Ohio and 45 other states settled lawsuits against the major~~  
4   ~~cigarette manufacturers in a Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) for the damages done~~  
5   ~~to our citizens and our state by tobacco, resulting in annual settlement payments to the~~  
6   ~~state intended to produce a remedy for those tobacco-caused damages; and~~  
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8   ~~WHEREAS, the budget plan introduced by Governor Strickland would authorize the~~  
9   ~~securitization of future tobacco settlement payments, eliminating future MSA funding to~~  
10   ~~the Foundation as well as eliminating the promised repayment of the \$568 million~~  
11   ~~intended for tobacco prevention that has already been diverted by the Ohio Legislature;~~  
12   ~~and~~  
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14   ~~WHEREAS, the State of Ohio created the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation (OTPF)~~  
15   ~~with some of the MSA funds to address the death and disease as well as the excessive~~  
16   ~~healthcare costs associated with tobacco use among Ohioans; and~~  
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18   ~~WHEREAS, since the Foundation began programming, Ohio's adult smoking prevalence~~  
19   ~~rate has dropped at a faster rate than national trends, and the rate of smoking among Ohio~~  
20   ~~high school students has dropped by an astounding 40 percent; and~~  
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22   ~~WHEREAS, the tobacco industry continues to spend more than \$750 million a year to~~  
23   ~~market its deadly products just in Ohio, and Ohio's adult smoking rate is still higher than~~  
24   ~~the national average; and~~  
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26   ~~WHEREAS, tobacco remains the number one cause of preventable death in Ohio, costing~~  
27   ~~the state nearly 20,000 lives each year as well as more than \$4 billion annually in~~  
28   ~~healthcare costs directly caused by smoking and more than \$4 billion annually in~~  
29   ~~smoking-caused lost productivity; and~~  
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31   ~~WHEREAS, a survey of 6,000 adult Ohioans shows that 79 percent definitely think Ohio~~  
32   ~~should continue to spend funds it receives from the tobacco settlement on preventing~~  
33   ~~youth from smoking, and nearly 69 percent think Ohio should definitely not take these~~  
34   ~~funds away from tobacco education activities to pay for other state expenses; and~~  
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36   ~~WHEREAS, in November 2006, 2.2 million Ohio voters spoke loudly in support of~~  
37   ~~reducing the harm caused by tobacco through a strong, comprehensive clean indoor air~~  
38   ~~law, while soundly rejecting a weaker measure; and~~  
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40   ~~WHEREAS, a securitization of MSA payments without providing funds to the OTPF~~  
41   ~~endowment would put it out of business in less than ten years, thereby eliminating the~~  
42   ~~programs which have so successfully saved lives and money in Ohio; now, therefore, be~~  
43   ~~it~~

44 ~~RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association supports securitization of tobacco~~  
45 ~~settlement funds to ensure long term endowment of the Ohio Tobacco Prevention~~  
46 ~~Foundation.~~

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48 *EXPLANATORY NOTE: THE FUNDS WERE SECURITIZED, BUT LATER USED BY*  
49 *THE STATE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET IN 2009.*

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SUBJECT: Food Allergies and Mandates on School Lunches

SUBMITTED BY: The Columbus (VI) Osteopathic Association

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

1 WHEREAS, food allergy is a potentially serious immune response to eating specific  
2 foods or food additives, and eight types of food account for over 90 percent of allergic  
3 reactions in affected individuals, including milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish,  
4 soy, and wheat<sup>1</sup>; and  
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6 WHEREAS, in 2007, the reported food allergy rate among all children younger than 18  
7 years was 18% higher than in 1997. During the 10-year period 1997 to 2006, food  
8 allergy rates increased significantly among both preschool-aged and older children<sup>2</sup>; and  
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10 WHEREAS, recent data show hospitalizations with diagnoses related to food allergies  
11 have increased among children<sup>1,2</sup>; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Ohio Osteopathic Association realizes that the Division of Child  
14 Development and Early Education at the Department of Health and Human Services  
15 requires all lunches served in pre-kindergarten programs — including in-home day care  
16 centers — to meet USDA guidelines<sup>3</sup>; and  
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18 WHEREAS, a preschooler at West Hoke Elementary School, in North Carolina, on  
19 January 26, 2012, was forced to purchase a school lunch (including chicken nuggets,  
20 fried potatoes, applesauce, and milk), over a packed home lunch because a state inspector  
21 interpreted the toddler's lunch her mother packed (a turkey and cheese sandwich, potato  
22 chips, banana, and apple juice) was not nutritious based on the USDA guidelines<sup>3</sup>; and  
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24 WHEREAS, children with food allergies may pack school lunches to prevent allergic  
25 reactions to lunches provided by schools; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Centers for of Disease Control and Prevention, preeminent Children's  
28 Hospitals, and the American Osteopathic Association all support an all-inclusive  
29 approach to the treatment of childhood nutrition and wellness, including educational  
30 programs in the community and within schools, better access to healthier foods, and more  
31 physical activity within schools<sup>4,5,6</sup>; now, therefore, be it  
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33 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association advocates a holistic approach with  
34 respect to childhood nutrition and wellness WITHOUT mandates that force potentially  
35 food allergic children to purchase school lunches; and, be it further  
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37 RESOLVED, that upon successful passage of this resolution, a copy be sent to the AOA

38 for consideration and discussion at its annual meeting.

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46 NCHS Data Brief. Number 10, 2008.  
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49 *State agent inspects sack lunches, preschoolers purchase cafeteria food instead.*  
50 Carolina Journal News Reports. 14 Feb 2012.  
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57 [www.cdc.gov/Features/ObesityAndKids/](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ObesityAndKids/)  
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SUBJECT: Affordable Care Act Contraception Mandate

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew P. Eilerman, DO

REFERRES TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

1 WHEREAS, Section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act, enacted by the Affordable Care Act,  
2 provides for employer group health plan coverage of “All Food and Drug Administration  
3 approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling  
4 for all women with reproductive capacity.” This mandates coverage of all FDA-approved  
5 contraceptive methods, including contraception, sterilization procedures, and “emergency  
6 contraception” (as the Plan B, Plan B One-Step, Next Choice, and Ella “morning-after” pills);  
7 and  
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9 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians provide health insurance benefits to their employees,  
10 including medical staff and personnel, and is a fixed expenditure in business practice; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Section 2713 of the Affordable Care Act purports to invest the power of the federal  
13 government to force physician employers, religious-affiliated hospitals, and charities to provide  
14 health care insurance for contraception, abortion-inducing drugs, and human sterilization, even if  
15 contrary to the faiths of those religious institutions or employers; and  
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17 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians throughout the United States may have religious beliefs that  
18 contradict the support of insurance plans covering contraceptive care to employees, or may work  
19 for hospitals with religious affiliations that hold the same beliefs; and  
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21 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012, US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary of  
22 Kathleen Sebelius issued a statement that, instead of expanding the religious exemption to cover  
23 more religious institutions or employers, she would give the institutions just an additional year  
24 during which to comply with the contraception mandate by August of 2012; and  
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26 WHEREAS, a more appropriate compromise would be to allow the employers to decide for  
27 themselves the insurance plans suitable for their employees; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association, in its policy statement H234-A/07 regarding  
30 health care reform states that regulations must be drawn and implemented in such a way as to  
31 promote pluralism and preserve the free enterprise system in health care; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the Ohio Osteopathic Association does support coverage for preventive care for  
34 women, including but not limited to PAP and pelvic examinations, breast examinations,  
35 mammography, HPV testing and vaccination, obstetric care and delivery and HIV testing; now,  
36 therefore be it  
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38 RESOLVED that the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) supports the repeal of section 2713  
39 of the Public Health Service Act mandating that employer group plans cover contraceptive and  
40 sterilization procedures, and return to previous policy that allows the individual employers to  
41 decide coverage that is suitable for their employees; and be it further



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RESOLVED that upon successful passage of this resolution, a copy be sent to the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates for consideration and discussion at its 2012 annual meeting.

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