

1 **OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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3 **Resolution No. 1 – 2024**

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5 **Introduced by:** OSMA Council

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7 **Subject:** Insurance Coverage for Substance Use Disorder

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9 **Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 1

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13 **WHEREAS**, OSMA Policy 79 – 1977 – Insurance Coverage for Alcoholism
14 Treatment supports insurance coverage for alcoholism and continues to recognize
15 alcoholism as an illness and disease requiring medical treatment; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, since OSMA’s adoption of that policy, the medical community has
18 continuously and increasingly recognized all forms of substance use disorder as illness
19 and disease also requiring medical treatment; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, treatment of all substance use disorders is necessary for
22 fundamental patient health; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, health insurance companies can and should cover the cost of
25 treatment for all substance use disorders; and therefore

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27 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that OSMA Policy 79 – 1977 – Insurance Coverage for
28 Alcoholism Treatment be amended as follows:

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30 Policy 79 – 1977 – Insurance Coverage for ~~Alcoholism~~ SUBSTANCE USE
31 DISORDER Treatment

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33 1. The OSMA continues to recognize ~~alcoholism~~ SUBSTANCE USE
34 DISORDER as an illness or disease.

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36 2. The OSMA continues to support treatment of ~~alcoholism~~ SUBSTANCE
37 USE DISORDER.

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39 3. The OSMA supports health insurance coverage for treatment
40 ~~alcoholism~~ SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER in whatever setting is most
41 appropriate and cost effective.

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43 **Fiscal Note:** \$ 0 (Sponsor)
44 \$ 500 (Staff)

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46 **References:**

47 OSMA Policy

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49 **Policy 79 – 1977 – Insurance Coverage for Alcoholism Treatment**

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51 1. The OSMA continues to recognize alcoholism as an illness or disease.

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53 2. The OSMA continues to support treatment of alcoholism.

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55 3. The OSMA supports health insurance coverage for treatment alcoholism in whatever setting
56 is most appropriate and cost effective.

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