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## The Medical-Legal Partnership Update

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### National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership

#### AMA Passes MLP Resolution!

The American Medical Association (AMA) passed a resolution this week in support of medical-legal partnership as a means to improve the health and well-being of patients! The resolution was approved by the House of Delegates at the AMA's annual meeting in Chicago.

Resolution 7 (I-09) acknowledges that unmet legal needs have a significant impact on patient health and well-being, and that MLP, which integrates legal services in clinical settings, is an effective way to identify and resolve these problems.

The resolution encourages collaboration between the AMA, physician groups and key stakeholder organizations to:

- Educate providers on the connections between unmet legal needs and health,
- Provide resources to help physicians screen for patients' unmet legal needs, and
- Assist healthcare providers in establishing MLPs.

Read more here:

- [AMA News](#)
- [Report from the AMA Board of Trustees](#)
- [Press Release](#)
- [Response from the American Bar Association President](#)

This important acknowledgement of the MLP model is a testament to the wonderful work being done by healthcare and legal providers in local communities across the U.S. We are especially grateful to the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology for their leadership in supporting the resolution.

**Attention MLP Network!** Please forward the press release to your hospital and health center CEOs, Department Chairs and communication departments as well as your local funders and media outlets. Make sure they are aware of the resolution and that you are an early adapter of the model! If you participated in Capitol Hill Day, please share it with your legislators.



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