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Subject: Project Clinician

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WHEREAS, in 2021 JAMA¹ published a thought piece entitled "Promoting Trust and Morale by Changing How the Word Provider Is Used;" and

WHEREAS, this articles expresses how the terminology "provider" degrades all those involved in health care--"providers" and patients alike.; and,

WHEREAS, the authors advocate the use of precise and specific titles, roles, and responsibilities, such as physician, resident physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, etc. However, in the instances where a broad generic term is needed, the authors suggest using "**clinician**" or "**health care professional**;" and

WHEREAS, we should advocate for our profession and the care we render; and

WHEREAS, rather than a legislative remedy, we should utilize a pathway of "soft influence" to chip away at this issue; and therefore be it

RESOLVED.., OSMA implement a plan of graduated steps, each taking 4-6 months and each step building on the preceding step, over the next two years to eliminate the use of "provider" in our state; and

RESOLVED, step 1: we change the language in all our organizational communications. Of course, we continue to utilize the word "physician" in a primary fashion, but in those instances where a document was going to utilize "provider," we change the term to "clinician."

RESOLVED, step 2: we reach out to other medical and paramedical societies in our state to do the same.

RESOLVED, step 3: we reach out to major hospital and care organizations in our state (often through the chief medical officer) to do the same.

RESOLVED, step 4: we reach out to major insurance companies and state government agencies (including medicaid) to do the same.

1. Beasley JW, Roberts RG, Goroll AH. Promoting Trust and Morale by Changing How the Word *Provider* Is Used: Encouraging Specificity and Transparency. *JAMA*. 2021;325(23):2343–2344. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.6046