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The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) unequivocally supports the independence of a hospital's medical staff. Further, the relationship between patients and their primary care physicians is a sacrosanct one, one that is not arrived at lightly, or casually disregarded based on economic interests. Regardless of employer, medical staff members of the same discipline who are afforded the same set of clinical privileges within a facility, should have equitable opportunity to care for their patients without prejudice. Eliminating physicians without recourse, absent publicized, objective and validated metrics, is detrimental to the quality of care for the patient. The FOMA is profoundly concerned about the implementation of such actions due to the adverse impact on the quality of care our patients receive. The FOMA represents more than 8,000 Florida-licensed osteopathic physicians.

Thank you,

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