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AMA STATEMENT ON PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS

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“The AMA supports state health programs that provide medical treatment and monitoring for physicians with substance abuse or other health concerns. Patient safety is paramount, and well-run state health programs with proper treatment and monitoring for physicians are essential to ensure the safety and protection of patients. As patients, physicians are entitled to the same right to privacy and confidentiality of personal medical information as any other patient.”

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