

**Board Adopted Resolution as Amended
(January 2021)
(Affirmed; 2021 Annual Meeting)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 12.2020-20
(A-21)**

Introduced by: Howard Axe, MD, ISMS Member

Subject: Ransomware and Electronic Health Records

Referred to: Medical Legal Council

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) adopt policy acknowledging that healthcare data interruptions are especially harmful due to potential physical harm to patients and calling for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law for perpetrators of ransomware and any other malware on independent physicians and their practices, healthcare organizations, or other medical entities involved in providing direct and indirect care to patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS cause to be introduced in Illinois legislation under which perpetrators of ransomware and any other malware on any and all healthcare entities involved in direct or indirect patient care are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) introduce a resolution requesting the AMA to adopt policy acknowledging that healthcare data interruptions are especially harmful due to potential physical harm to patients and calling for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law for perpetrators of ransomware and any other malware on independent physicians and their practices, healthcare organizations, or other medical entities involved in providing direct and indirect care to patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS resolution request that AMA seek to introduce federal legislation which provides for the prosecution of perpetrators of ransomware and any other malware on any and all healthcare entities, involved in direct and indirect patient care, to the fullest extent of the law.