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Statement on 2020 Ballot Measure 109

The Oregon Medical Association (OMA) opposes Measure 109: The Psilocybin Mushroom Services Program Initiative.

The ballot measure proposes that the state develop a new program administered through the Oregon Health Authority to allow use of the hallucinogenic compound psilocybin to treat a variety of mental health conditions. The federal Food and Drug Administration has provided only the designation of breakthrough therapy status for psilocybin which means the drug is in the early stages of development and that scientific studies do not yet indicate that it is a safe and effective medical treatment.

While the OMA supports increased access to behavioral health care services and appropriate evidence-based treatment, because psilocybin requires further scientific study, the OMA is not able to support the development of a new state program called for by Measure 109 at this time.

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