

**RESOLUTION #9—2022  
Regular Annual Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**REVISED POLICY ON APPROVAL AND AVAILABILITY OF ANTIMICROBIALS FOR USE IN  
FOOD-PRODUCING ANIMALS**

**RESOLVED** that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Approval and Availability of Antimicrobials for Use in Food-Producing Animals as noted in the [attachment](#).

**Statement about the Resolution**

The Council on Antimicrobials (CoA) recommends the following revisions:

1. Third Paragraph –
  - The first sentence has been removed because the veterinary feed directive (VFD) order for feed and water-soluble medically important antimicrobials is in effect.
  - The second sentence has been revised to encompass medically important injectable antimicrobials.
  - The last sentence was added to protect individual veterinarian's prescribing ability as groups call for increasing restrictions on veterinary use of antimicrobials.
2. The fifth paragraph was deleted, but similar concepts are included in a new concluding sentence in the fourth paragraph. The language was changed to emphasize the importance of stakeholder engagement as that seems to be limited/absent in some recent draft guidance documents issued by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and it also stresses the importance of focusing on risk-based, rather than precautionary, policy making.

**Financial Impact: None**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #7</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X	X (amended as noted below*)	X (amended as noted below*)
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				

(use this space for additional narrative, if needed)

**\*Revised Policy on Approval and Availability of Antimicrobials for Use in Food-Producing Animals**

Strike the word “herd” from the third sentence of the third paragraph.