

## Standardized Language for COVID-19 Treatments

As mentioned in the <u>FAFP 2023 Final Legislative Summary</u>, the new Protection from Discrimination Based Upon Healthcare Choices Law (<u>SB 252</u>) requires that family physicians and advanced practice professionals obtain informed consent for medications used to treat COVID-19. The FAFP is providing its members the following sample language for use in practice to ensure compliance. While written consent on a separate, unique form is not necessary, informed consent cannot be verbal alone and must be documented in the patient's medical record. The following language is a sample the FAFP suggests members use for documenting.

"I have discussed with the patient all current Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) treatment options for COVID-19, including the risks, benefits, and alternatives for all authorized and/or approved medications. After learning about the efficacy and potential side effects of each medication, the patient and I (through a shared decision-making process) have agreed on the indicated treatment."

