

AMA-YPS positions sunset at I-07

Resolution 1 (I-06): Apportioning delegates/alternate delegates

Asked: 1) that the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) Governing Council present a report at A-07 on updating the process of apportioning delegate/alternate delegate spots for the goal of maximizing participation of young physicians in the section; and 2) that there be no reductions in the current apportionment of delegate/alternate delegate spots from what exists at I-06 while the report is being prepared.

Resolution 1 was adopted by the AMA-YPS at its I-06 Assembly meeting and referred to the AMA-YPS ad hoc committee on bylaws for study and report. No reductions were made for 2007 from the apportionment of delegate/alternate delegate spots that existed in 2006 while the ad hoc committee on bylaws studied the issue. Report B: Proportional Representation in our AMA-YPS Assembly was completed by the ad hoc committee on bylaws and filed at the A-07 Assembly meeting.

Resolution 2 (I-06): ACGME educational requirements

Asked: 1) that the AMA-YPS ask the AMA, using the AMA's seats on the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), to pursue the goal of specific and directed exposure and education within residency training programs to organized medicine, including the AMA, state medical societies, and specialty societies; and 2) that the AMA-YPS ask the AMA to pursue the goal of including a requirement that residents be educated about organized medicine in two ACGME guidelines.

Resolution 2 was referred during the I-06 AMA-YPS Assembly meeting. An identical resolution was debated but not adopted by the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (RFS). The AMA-YPS Governing Council considered the issue and presented Report G: ACGME Educational Requirements to the Assembly at its A-07 meeting. Report G, recommending that the AMA-YPS Assembly not adopt Resolution 2, was filed; therefore, no further action is necessary.

Resolution 3 (I-06): Third party intervention requests

Asked: 1) that the AMA establish it as their policy that physicians should not be asked to effect clinical interventions on behalf of their patients as requested by third parties unless such interventions are evidence-based and cost-effective, and unless those third parties provide appropriate compensation for the effort involved; and 2) that the AMA seek appropriate legislation and/or regulation prohibiting the imposition of such requests upon physicians without appropriate compensation and unless it is established that each such intervention or part thereof is evidence-based and cost-effective patient care.

Resolution 3 was forwarded to the House of Delegates (HOD) at A-07 as Resolution 704. The resolution was adopted as amended to read: RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association's policy state that physicians only should be asked to effect clinical interventions on behalf of their patients as requested by third parties when such interventions are evidence-based and appropriately compensated; and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage physicians to submit to it instances of inappropriate interventions by health insurance plans, disease management companies, radiology benefit managers, or pharmacy benefit managers; and, if warranted, consider developing AMA resources to stem future requests that are not evidence-based and appropriately compensated.