

## Handbook Review: HOD Reference Committee D (Public Health)

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<b>HOD resolution or report (sponsor)</b>	<b>Action requested</b>	<b>AMA-YPS recommended position</b>
<p>CSAPH Report 3-A-17 Subject: Strategies to Reduce the Consumption of Beverages with Added Sweeteners Presented by: (Resolution 417-A-16)</p>	<p>The Council on Science and Public Health recommends that the following statements be adopted in lieu of Resolution 417-A-16 and the remainder of this report be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That our AMA acknowledge the adverse health impacts of sugar-sweetened beverage (SSB) consumption, and support evidence-based strategies to reduce the consumption of SSBs, including but not limited to, excise taxes on SSBs, removing options to purchase SSBs in primary and secondary schools, the use of warning labels to inform consumers about the health consequences of SSB consumption, and the use of plain packaging. (New HOD Policy)</li><li>2. That our AMA encourage continued research into strategies that may be effective in limiting SSB consumption, such as controlling portion sizes; limiting options to purchase or access SSBs in early childcare settings, workplaces, and public venues; restrictions on marketing SSBs to children; and changes to the agricultural subsidies system. (New HOD Policy)</li><li>3. That our AMA encourage hospitals and medical facilities to offer healthier beverages, such as water, unflavored milk, coffee, and unsweetened tea, for purchase in place of SSBs. (New 41 HOD Policy)</li><li>4. That our AMA encourage physicians to (a) counsel their patients about the health consequences of SSB consumption and replacing SSBs with healthier beverage choices, as recommended by professional society clinical guidelines; and (b) work with local school districts to promote healthy beverage choices for students. (New HOD Policy)</li><li>5. That Policy H-150.933, "Taxes on Beverages with Added Sweeteners," which encourages consumer education about SSBs, encourages SSB tax revenues to be used for obesity prevention, and advocates for continued research into the potentially adverse effects of consumption of non-calorically sweetened beverages, be reaffirmed. (Reaffirm HOD Policy)</li></ol>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>6. That Policy H-150.960, “Improving Nutritional Value of Snack Foods Available in Primary and Secondary Schools,” be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:</p> <p>H-150.960, Improving Nutritional Value of Snack Foods Available in Primary and Secondary Schools The AMA supports the position that primary and secondary schools should <u>follow federal nutrition standards that</u> replace foods in vending machines and snack bars, <del>which that</del> are of low nutritional value and are high in fat, salt and/or sugar, <u>including sugar-sweetened beverages</u>, with healthier food <u>and beverage</u> choices <del>which that</del> contribute to the nutritional needs of the students. (Modify HOD Policy)</p> <p>7. That Policy H-150.944, “Combating Obesity and Health Disparities,” be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:</p> <p>H-150.944, Combating Obesity and Health Disparities Our AMA supports efforts to: (1) reduce health disparities by basing food assistance programs on the health needs of their constituents; (2) provide vegetables, fruits, legumes, grains, vegetarian foods, and healthful <u>dairy and nondairy beverages</u> in school lunches and food assistance programs; and (3) ensure that federal subsidies encourage the consumption of <del>products</del> <u>foods and beverages</u> low in fat, <u>added sugars</u>, and cholesterol. (Modify HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal note: Less than \$1000</p>	
<p>Resolution 401: Use of Phrase "Gun Violence Mitigation" in Lieu of "Gun Control"</p> <p>Introduced by: Illinois</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association employ in all official AMA actions, policies and public statements, the phrase “gun violence mitigation” in lieu of “gun control” when referencing gun violence reduction laws/legislation and related initiatives. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000</p>	<p>Monitor</p>

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<p>Resolution 402: Destigmatizing Obesity</p> <p>Introduced by: Obesity Medicine Association, Minority Affairs Section, Colorado, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, The Endocrine Society, <u>American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists</u></p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association require the use of patient-first language (patients with obesity, patients affected by obesity) in all discussions, resolutions and reports regarding obesity (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage the use of preferred terms in discussions, resolutions and reports regarding patients affected by obesity including weight and unhealthy weight, and discourage the use of stigmatizing terms including obese, morbidly obese, and fat (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA educate health care providers on the importance of patient-first language for treating patients with obesity; equipping their health care facilities with proper sized furniture, medical equipment and gowns for patients with obesity; and having patients weighed respectfully (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA study other diseases and conditions that may benefit from patient-first language, and report back with recommendations on preferred language for these diseases and conditions. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p>Resolution 403: Tobacco Harm Reduction: A Comprehensive Nicotine Policy to Reduce Death and Disease Caused by Smoking</p> <p>Introduced by: Resident and Fellow Section</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for tobacco harm reduction approaches to be added to existing tobacco treatment and control efforts (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA educate physicians and patients on the myriad health effects of different nicotine products and emphasize the critical role of smoke and combustion in causing disease (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage physicians to adopt patient-specific, individualized approaches to smoking cessation, particularly for patients with disease secondary to smoking and for patients who have otherwise failed traditional methods for smoking cessation (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA continue its focus on research to identify and expand options that may assist patients to transition away from smoking, including nicotine replacement therapies and noncombustible nicotine products (including e-cigarettes) (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the AMA reaffirm its position on strong enforcement of US Food and Drug Administration and other agency regulations for the prevention of use of all electronic nicotine delivery systems and tobacco products by anyone under the legal minimum purchase age. This shall include marketing to children, direct use or purchasing by children and indirect diversion to children. Further, that our AMA reaffirm physician education of patients to limit these products for children in any and all capacity. (Reaffirm HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	
<p>Resolution 404: Support for Standardized Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatitis C Virus in the Population of Incarcerated Persons</p> <p>Introduced by: Resident and Fellow Section</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support the implementation of routine screening for Hepatitis C virus (HCV) in prisons (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for the initiation of treatment for HCV in all incarcerated patients with the disease and seeking treatment (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA support negotiation for affordable pricing for therapies to treat and cure HCV among correctional facility health care providers, correctional facility health care payors, and drug companies to maximize access to these disease-altering medications. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000</p>	<p><b>Active Support with Amendment</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for the initiation of treatment for HCV in all incarcerated patients with the disease and seeking treatment <u>when appropriate</u> (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p>

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<p>Resolution 405: Decreasing Screen Time and Increasing Outdoor Activity to Offset Myopia Onset and Progression in School Children</p> <p>Introduced by: Missouri</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support the efforts of the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Ophthalmology to educate, promote public awareness, and promote guidelines to reduce the incidence and burdens of myopia to physicians, public health agencies and schools. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p>Resolution 406: Healthful Hospital Foods</p> <p>Introduced by: District of Columbia</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association hereby call on US hospitals to improve the health of patients, staff, and visitors by (1) providing and promoting plant-based meals that are low in fat, sodium, and added sugars for hospital patients, staff, and visitors, and (2) eliminating the use of processed meats from patient menus. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	<p>Monitor</p> <p><i>Recommended for Reaffirmation</i></p>
<p>Resolution 407: SNAP Reform to Improve Health and Combat Food Deserts</p> <p>Introduced by: District of Columbia</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association request that the federal government support Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) initiatives to (1) incentivize healthful foods and disincentivize or eliminate unhealthy foods and (2) harmonize SNAP food offerings with those of Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest – between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p>Support</p> <p><i>Recommended for Reaffirmation</i></p>

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<p>Resolution 408: Increased Oversight of Suicide Prevention Training for Correctional Facility Staff</p> <p>Introduced by: Medical Student Section</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association strongly encourage all state and local correctional facilities to develop a suicide prevention plan that meets current National Commission on Correctional Health Care guidelines (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA strongly encourage all state and local correctional facility officers to undergo suicide prevention training annually. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	<p>Support -</p>
<p>Resolution 409: Pediatric/ Adolescent Informed Consent Concussion Discussion</p> <p>Introduced by: New York</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support federal legislation that includes informed consent prior to participation in intramural and interscholastic athletics and that this consent discuss the risk of short and long term impact of mild traumatic brain injuries. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p>Resolution 410: Improving Access to Direct Acting Antivirals for Hepatitis C-Infected Individuals</p> <p>Introduced by: Medical Student Section</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association amend current Policy H-440.845 by addition to read as follows:</p> <p>H-440.845, Advocacy for Hepatitis C Virus Education, Prevention, Screening and Treatment</p> <p>Our AMA will: (1) encourage the adoption of birth year-based screening practices for hepatitis C, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations; (2) encourage the CDC and state Departments of Public Health to develop and coordinate Hepatitis C Virus infection educational and prevention efforts; (3) support hepatitis C virus (HCV) prevention, screening, and treatment programs that are targeted toward maximum public health benefit; (4) <u>support educational programs aimed at training primary care providers in the treatment and management of patients infected with HCV;</u> (4) (5) support adequate funding by, and</p>	<p>Support</p>

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	<p>negotiation for affordable pricing for HCV antiviral treatments between, the government, insurance companies and other third party payers, so that all Americans for whom HCV treatment would have a substantial proven benefit will be able to receive this treatment; and <del>(5)</del> <u>(6)</u> recognize correctional physicians, and physicians in other public health settings, as key stakeholders in the development of HCV treatment guidelines. (Modify Current HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	
<p>Resolution 411: Preserving Vaccine Policy in the United States</p> <p>Introduced by: New York</p>	<p>RESOLVED; That our American Medical Association support evidence that vaccines are an effective mechanism for controlling communicable disease and protecting public health (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA continue to support vaccine guidance that is evidence-based (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA oppose the creation of a new federal commission on vaccine safety whose task is to study an association between autism and vaccines. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	<p><b>Active Support</b></p> <p><i>Recommended for Reaffirmation</i></p>
<p>Resolution 412: Domestic Water Testing for Lead Toxic Kids</p> <p>Introduced by: Wisconsin</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for the health of children via modification of current U.S. health law to include mandatory domestic water lead testing for proven cases of lead poisoning. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest – between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Resolution 413: Ocular Burns from Liquid Laundry Packets</p> <p>Introduced by: American Academy of Ophthalmology</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association study the impact of “F3159-15 - Consumer Safety Specification for Liquid Laundry Packets” to ensure that the voluntary ASTM standard adequately protects children from injury, including eye injury. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest – between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p>Support</p>

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<p>Resolution 414: Imposing Taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages</p> <p>Introduced by: American College of Preventive Medicine</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association endorse the efforts of states, counties, and cities that seek to impose sugary beverage taxes to reduce obesity and the attendant risks of chronic disease (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage state and local medical societies to support the adoption of state and local taxes on sugar-sweetened soft drinks. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest – between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p><b>Active Support with Amendment:</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage state and local medical societies to support the adoption of state and local taxes on sugar-sweetened soft drinks <u>and the investment of the resulting revenue in public health programs that combat obesity and make healthy foods more accessible to low-income and high-risk populations</u></p>
<p>*Resolution 415: Food Bank and Pantry Distribution of Nutrient-Dense Foods</p> <p>Introduced by: Michigan</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for programs that incentivize and provide resources for food banks and pantries to design and institute translatable nutrient-driven food distribution methodologies, initiatives that promote sustainable sourcing of healthier food options, and dissemination of user-friendly resources and education on healthier eating. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest – between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>*Resolution 416: Policy and Economic Support for Early Child Care</p> <p>Introduced by: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island,</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for improved social and economic support for paid family leave to care for newborns, infants and young children (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for federal tax incentives to support early child care and unpaid child care by extended family members. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Modest – between \$1,000 - \$5,000</p>	<p><b>Active Support</b></p>

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Vermont		
<p>*Resolution 417: Mandatory Public Health Reporting of Law-Enforcement-Related Injuries and Deaths</p> <p>Introduced by: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont Minority Affairs Section</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state departments of health to collect data on serious law-enforcement-related injuries and deaths and make law-enforcement-related deaths a notifiable condition. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	Support
<p>Resolution 418: Policy on Quarantine</p> <p>Introduced by: New York</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association adopt policy acknowledging that government quarantines are developed based on evidence-based medicine and have strong due process protections (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA support that the medical profession collaborate with federal, state and local public health officials to take an active role in ensuring that quarantine and isolation interventions are evidence based. (New HOD Policy)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than \$1,000</p>	<p>Support</p> <p><i>Was previously Resolution 004</i></p> <p><i>Recommended for Reaffirmation</i></p>

\*contained in HOD Handbook Addendum

\*\*contained in the HOD Sunday Tote

^ No consensus – A temporary position to be used when no agreement is reached among reviewers. A recommended position (support, active support, oppose, active oppose, monitor) will be determined by the AMA-YPS Delegate and Alternate Delegate.