Your AMA-YPS Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**
1. Report B: State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly
2. Report C: Specialty Society Representation and Outreach

**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**
4. Resolution 2: Supporting International Medical Graduates and Students

**RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION**
5. Resolution 3: Sale of Health Insurance across State Lines

**RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**
(1) REPORT B: STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY REPRESENTATION IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the recommendations in Report B be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED

Report B presents AMA Bylaws language related to the apportionment of state medical society representation in the AMA-YPS. In addition, Report B includes the 2017 allocations for state medical society representatives in the AMA-YPS Assembly. Further, Report B discusses strategies for increasing representation and promoting active participation among state medical societies.

Report B includes the following recommendations:

1. The YPS Governing Council will connect with AMA members that are part of the state medical societies not represented in the AMA-YPS and encourage them to serve as a liaison to the young physicians in their society or identify someone in their society for further outreach.

2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative in the past two years.

3. The YPS Governing Council will reach out to societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have sent less than the allotted number of representatives.

4. The YPS Governing Council will communicate with societies currently represented in the AMA-YPS Assembly to highlight the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS where appropriate.

No comments were provided during the online forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(2) REPORT C: SPECIALTY SOCIETY REPRESENTATION AND OUTREACH

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the recommendations in Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED
Report C presents the criteria for specialty society representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly, gives an update on the level of specialty society representation, and discusses strategies to gain new specialty society representation.

Report C includes the following recommendations:

1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to engage with AMA members that are part of specialty societies not represented in the AMA-YPS and encourage them to serve as a liaison to the young physicians in their society or identify someone in their society for further outreach.

2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to connect with societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative in the past two years.

3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have sent less than the allotted number of representatives.

4. The YPS Governing Council will communicate with societies currently represented in the AMA-YPS Assembly to share highlights from the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS where appropriate.

No comments were provided during the online discussion forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(3) RESOLUTION 1: CONSIDERATION OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF U.S. MINOR CHILDREN IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THEIR UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS

RECOMMENDATION A:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolved Clause 1 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That our AMA support that the mental health, physical well-being, and welfare of U.S. citizen minors should be given the highest priority taken into consideration in determining whether undocumented parents of U.S. citizen minors may be detained or deported (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RECOMMENDATION B:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolved Clause 2 be amended by deletion:
RESOLVED, That our AMA support that the health and welfare of U.S. citizen minors shall be taken into consideration in the proceedings for any parents of U.S. citizen minors prior to deportation of those parents (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RECOMMENDATION C:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolved Clause 3 be amended by deletion:

RESOLVED, That our AMA support that parents of U.S. citizen minors who are detained by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be granted a hearing with an immigration court prior to deportation, with consideration of the effects on U.S. citizen minors if the parent(s) are deported (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RECOMMENDATION D:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolved Clause 4 be amended by addition to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with local and state medical societies and other relevant stakeholders to address the importance of considering the health and welfare of U.S. citizen minors in cases where the parents of those minors are in danger of detention or deportation (Directive to Take Action).

RECOMMENDATION E:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends the addition of a fifth Resolved Clause to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded for immediate consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates. (Directive to Take Action)

RECOMMENDATION F:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Resolution 1 asks the AMA to take steps to ensure the health and well-being of U.S. minor children is being considered during impending deportation proceedings against their parents. The deportation of parents results in the separation of families and jeopardizes the physical, mental, and social welfare of minor children. While the Reference Committee supports the spirit of this resolution, there is concern that the resolution may also call for actions that are not within the scope of the AMA. Accordingly, your Reference Committee recommends modifying the resolution to language to be more reflective of the objectives of the AMA.

Given the timeliness of this issue, your Reference Committee also recommends that Resolution 1 be forwarded immediately for consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD). Therefore your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

(4) RESOLUTION 2: SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES AND STUDENTS

RECOMMENDATION A:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be amended by addition to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association oppose Laws and regulations that would broadly deny entry or re-entry to the United States by persons based on their country of origin and/or religion who currently have legal visas, including permanent resident status (green card) and student visas (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association oppose policies that would broadly deny issuance of legal visas to persons based on their country of origin and/or religion- (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded for immediate consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates. (Directive to Take Action)

RECOMMENDATION B:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Resolution 2 asks the AMA to oppose laws and regulations that would broadly deny entry or re-entry to the U.S. by persons based on their country of origin and/or religion.

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who currently have legal visas, including permanent resident status and student visas. This resolution also asks the AMA to oppose policies that would broadly deny issuance of legal visas to persons based on their country of origin and/or religion.

Executive Order 13769, “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” may negatively impact patient access to care and create unintended consequences for the U.S. health care system. Approximately out of every four physicians practicing in the U.S. is an international medical graduate (IMG). Further, IMGs are more likely to practice in underserved communities, and fill training positions in primary care and other specialties that face significant workforce shortages. Your Reference Committee believes that the process for vetting people entering the U.S. from other nations should not restrict individuals who have been granted visas to train or practice in the United States.

Due to the timeliness of this issue, your Reference Committee also recommends that Resolution 2 be forwarded immediately for consideration at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the AMA HOD. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.

(5) RESOLUTION 3: SALE OF HEALTH INSURANCE ACROSS STATE LINES

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 3 be not adopted.

FINAL ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

Resolution 3 asks the AMA to oppose federal and state legislative proposals that would permit the sale of health insurance products in a state that does not comply with that State’s law and regulations. Your Reference Committee wishes to note that the AMA HOD is considering Resolution 211, “Sale of Health Insurance across State Lines,” which is identical to YPS Resolution 3. In addition, Resolution 240, “Minimum Federal Standards for Interstate Sale of Health Insurance” is also being considered by the HOD.

The intent of these resolutions is generally supported by your Reference Committee. However, there is concern that Resolution 3 may be too broad and that calling for general opposition may not address the implementation of certain consumer and provider protections (e.g., network adequacy, fair contracting, prompt pay for physicians, regulation of unfair health insurance market products and activities, etc.).

Your Reference Committee feels that HOD Resolution 240 better addresses the issues potentially associated with the sale of health insurance across state lines and is more in harmony with the advocacy goals of the AMA. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 3 not be adopted.

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REPORT A: GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/ACTION

PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

FINAL ACTION: FILED

Report A is a compilation of activities accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2016 Interim Meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under four main categories: focus; communications; leadership development; and membership and involvement. No comments were provided during the online forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

REPORT D: AMA-YPS FINANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Report D be filed.

FINAL ACTION: FILED

Report D is an informational report on the AMA-YPS budget and finances. No comments were provided during the online discussion forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report D be filed.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 1: PROTECTING PATIENTS’ ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the AMA should work with state insurance regulators, insurance companies and other stakeholders to immediately take action to halt the implementation of policies that violate the “prudent layperson” standard of determining when to seek emergency care, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the YPS forward this emergency resolution for consideration before the AMA HOD at A-17.
Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank Kyle Edmonds, MD, Nirali Patel, MD, Brian Wolk, MD, and L. Carlos Zapata, MD.

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