

## REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report B-A-19

Subject: State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly

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1 The formula for proportional representation to the AMA-YPS was approved by the AMA House of  
2 Delegates at the 2007 Interim Meeting. Since the 2008 Annual Meeting, state medical societies  
3 have been entitled to send two voting delegates to the AMA-YPS Assembly meetings. There are no  
4 alternate delegates to the Assembly.

5 AMA Bylaws state that the apportionment for each state and specialty society, or federal service,  
6 will be two representatives (and no alternate representatives) for each 1,000 members of the  
7 Young Physicians Section who are members of the society or federal service as recorded by the  
8 AMA on December 31 of each year. Societies eligible for more than two representatives will be  
9 required to submit evidence to the Section that documents the number of their AMA young  
10 physician members.

11 The following language is excerpted from the AMA Bylaws:

- 15 • 7.5.3 Representatives to the Business Meeting. The Business Meeting shall consist of  
16 representatives from constituent associations, Federal Services, and national medical  
17 specialty societies represented in the House of Delegates. There shall be no alternate  
18 representatives.
- 20 • 7.5.3.1 Constituent Associations, National Medical Specialty Societies, and Federal  
21 Services. Each constituent association and Federal Service shall be entitled to  
22 representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment. Each  
23 national medical specialty society granted representation in the House of Delegates shall  
24 be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by  
25 apportionment. In addition, unified constituent associations and specialty societies that are  
26 entitled to additional representation pursuant to Bylaw 2.1.1.2 or Bylaw 2.2.1 shall be  
27 entitled to 2 additional representatives.
- 29 • 7.5.3.1.1 Apportionment. The apportionment for each constituent association, Federal  
30 Service, and national medical specialty society is 2 representatives for each 1,000, or  
31 fraction thereof, members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the  
32 constituent association, Federal Service, or specialty society, as recorded by the AMA as  
33 of December 31 of each year. Each constituent association, Federal Service, and specialty  
34 society shall automatically be entitled to 2 representatives, who may be selected in any  
35 manner. Those constituent associations, Federal Services, or specialty societies who are  
36 eligible for more than 2 representatives, shall select the additional representatives  
37 according to rules and criteria developed by the Governing Council to ensure that they are  
38 selected in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation.
- 40 • 7.5.3.1.2 Effective Date. Such apportionment shall take effect on the following January 1  
41 and shall remain effective for one year. In January of each year, the AMA shall notify each  
42 constituent association and Federal Service of the number of seats to which it is entitled  
43 during the current year. All specialty societies seeking additional representative seats  
44 beyond the first two are required to submit evidence documenting the number of their AMA  
45 young physician members.

- 1     • 7.5.3.1.2.1 Retention of Representative. If the membership information as recorded by the AMA  
2         as of December 31 warrants a decrease in the number of representatives representing a  
3         constituent association, Federal Service, or national medical specialty society, that entity shall be  
4         permitted to retain the same number of representatives, without decrease, for one additional year,  
5         if it promptly files with the AMA a written plan of intensified AMA membership development  
6         activities among its young physician members.  
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- 8     • 7.5.3.2 Qualifications. Each representative to the Business Meeting must be a member of the  
9         AMA who meets the requirement for membership in the Young Physicians Section as set forth in  
10         Bylaw 7.5.1. However, a representative who becomes ineligible for membership in the Section  
11         shall be permitted to continue service until the end of the calendar year in which ineligibility  
12         occurs, as long as active membership in the AMA is maintained. If a representative is elected to  
13         the Governing Council, that representative shall be required to resign as a representative to the  
14         Business Meeting. The representative's constituent association, Federal Service, or specialty  
15         society may fill the vacancy so created, consistent with the rules and criteria that are developed  
16         by the Governing Council.  
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## 18     **CONCLUSION** 19

20     This February, all state medical societies received notice of their 2019 level of AMA-YPS representation.  
21     The allocations that the AMA-YPS sends to every state medical society are based on year-end  
22     membership numbers from the prior year. The enclosed grid presents the 2019 allocations for state  
23     representation in the AMA-YPS.  
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25     Proportional representation enhances our Assembly's deliberations through increased opportunities  
26     for official involvement. It allows for additional viewpoints to be expressed, gives both new and  
27     more experienced delegates an opportunity to develop and refine their leadership skills, and  
28     increases access to Federation leaders.  
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30     Accordingly, the AMA-YPS Governing Council will continue to identify prospects for encouraging  
31     AMA-YPS participation from states that typically do not send representatives. Such opportunities  
32     include outreach to state medical societies as well as collaborative efforts with AMA Ambassadors  
33     and YPS committee members.  
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35     The AMA Ambassador Program activates and recognizes its most active members, and provides  
36     the tools and support to effectively share their AMA experience with their networks. AMA  
37     Ambassadors amplify the results of the AMA's work in their communities, and the impact they have  
38     as an AMA member. Whether Ambassadors are on social media or attending live events, they lead  
39     the way in creating a more engaging experience for everyone. Dedicated training, resources, and  
40     leadership opportunities for Ambassadors are provided to make their involvement with the AMA as  
41     easy and rewarding as possible. Involvement and level of activity in the Ambassador Program is  
42     completely voluntary. [Sign-up](#) for the AMA Ambassador Program to receive the monthly  
43     Ambassador Alert emails. To learn more about the AMA Ambassadors program, please contact  
44     [ambassadors@ama-assn.org](mailto:ambassadors@ama-assn.org).  
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## 46     **RECOMMENDATIONS** 47

48     Increasing representation and promoting active participation among state medical societies in the YPS  
49     Assembly is an important step in supporting the goals of the Section. Therefore, the YPS Governing  
50     Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be  
51     filed.  
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- 53         1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to work with appropriate YPS committee members and  
54         young physician members that are AMA Ambassadors to connect with current and potential  
55         members that are part of state medical societies not represented in the AMA-YPS and encourage  
56         them to serve as liaisons to the young physicians in their society or identify someone in their  
57         society for further outreach.

- 1       2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to work with appropriate YPS committee members and
- 2       young physician members that are AMA Ambassadors to communicate with state societies
- 3       currently represented in the AMA-YPS Assembly to highlight the work accomplished during the
- 4       Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS
- 5       where appropriate.
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- 7       3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to state societies that are eligible for
- 8       representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative in the past two
- 9       years.
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- 11      4. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to state societies that are eligible for
- 12      representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have sent less than the allotted number of
- 13      representatives.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$500 to implement.

**State Allocations and Entitlement**

The following chart reflects levels of representation of state societies in the AMA-YPS Assembly for 2019:

STATE	#	STATE	#	STATE	#
Alabama	2	Kentucky	2	Ohio	2
Alaska	2	Louisiana	2	Oklahoma	2
Arizona	2	Maine	2	Oregon	2
Arkansas	2	Maryland	2	Pennsylvania	2
California	4	Massachusetts	2	Puerto Rico	2
Colorado	2	Michigan	2	Rhode Island	2
Connecticut	2	Minnesota	2	South Carolina	2
Delaware	2	Mississippi	2	South Dakota	2
Dist. of Columbia	2	Missouri	2	Tennessee	2
Florida	4	Montana	2	Texas	6
Georgia	2	Nebraska	2	Utah	2
Guam	2	Nevada	2	Vermont	2
Hawaii	2	New Hampshire	2	Virginia	2
Idaho	2	New Jersey	2	Virgin Islands	2
Illinois	2	New Mexico	2	Washington	2
Indiana	2	New York	4	West Virginia	2
Iowa	2	North Carolina	2	Wisconsin	2
Kansas	2	North Dakota	2	Wyoming	2