

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION

Report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee

Raymond Lorenzoni, MD, Chair

1 Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

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3 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

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

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11 3. Report F: AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures
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13 4. Resolution 1: Addressing Professionalism Standards in Medical Training
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15 5. Resolution 2: Preservation of Medicaid
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17 6. Resolution 3: Preserving Autonomy in the Patient-Physician Relationship
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19 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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21 7. Report A: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update
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23 8. Report D: YPS Endorsements of Elected Candidates
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25 9. Report E: Endorsement Selection Committee Report of YPS Endorsements for
26 2026

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report B be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

The Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to eligible state societies that have not sent a representative or designated less than the allotted number of representatives for the AMA-YPS Assembly.
3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives and members to highlight the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.

Report B provides the AMA Bylaws pertaining to state medical society allocation and the 2025 YPS state apportionments. The report outlines the ways in which the Governing Council intends to continue outreach to state medical societies to gain representatives in the AMA-YPS Assembly.

There was no online testimony for Report B. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(2) REPORT C: SPECIALTY SOCIETY REPRESENTATION IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report C be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

The Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to connect with specialty societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative or designated less than the allotted number of representatives.
3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives and members to highlight the work accomplished during Section Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.

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2 Report C provides the AMA Bylaws pertaining to specialty society allocation and the 2025
3 YPS specialty society apportionments. The report outlines the ways in which the
4 Governing Council intends to continue outreach to specialty societies to gain
5 representatives in the AMA-YPS Assembly.
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7 There was no online testimony for Report C. Therefore, your Reference Committee
8 recommends that Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

(3) REPORT F: AMA-YPS INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURES

RECOMMENDATION A:

Section X, Subsection A be amended by addition.

X. Rules for YPS Endorsement of Candidates

A. The Endorsement Selection Committee for YPS endorsements shall consider all candidates for the AMA President-Elect, Board of Trustees, Speaker, Vice Speaker, and Councils, as well as for external representative bodies for which a young physician member is permitted to apply (AMPAC, ACGME, etc.) Preference for endorsement shall be given to current young physician AMA members qualified for the position, but all AMA members may be considered for YPS endorsement by the Endorsement Selection Committee.

RECOMMENDATION B:

Section X, Subsection C, items 3 & 4 be adopted by substitution.

C. Endorsement Determination.

1. The Endorsement Selection Committee shall consider all qualified candidates who formally request a YPS endorsement but are not required to provide endorsement for any given position.
2. For the Young Physician Trustee, the Endorsement Selection Committee shall recommend an unlimited number of endorsements.
3. For the President-Elect, Speaker, and Vice Speaker, the Endorsement Selection Committee shall recommend no more than one endorsement per position.
4. For all Council and other Board of Trustees positions, the Endorsement Selection Committee shall recommend endorsements for no more than the number of open positions plus one (N+1).
5. The Endorsement Selection Committee shall consider only candidates with the following minimum qualifications:
 - a. Active AMA membership at the time the endorsement is requested.
 - b. Active in organized medicine or in regional or national medical entities.
 - c. Demonstrates knowledge of and commitment to the issues pertinent to the YPS.

RECOMMENDATION C:

Report F be adopted as amended.

Your YPS Governing Council recommends:

1. That the changes put forth by the Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Operating Procedures in Report F be adopted.

There was no online testimony for this report. Your Reference Committee thoroughly discussed the new IOP language proposed by the Endorsement Selection Committee. In Section X, subsection A, your Reference Committee recommends the addition of Speaker and Vice Speaker. The Board of Trustees includes these positions, however that may not be known by all YPS members. Your Reference Committee believes that explicitly stating those positions would be helpful for clarification purposes. It also should be noted that your Reference Committee also made an editorial change in Recommendation B, switching the order of Section X, subsection C, items 3 and 4 from how it was originally written in the report. This editorial change accompanies the previously mentioned clarification that the Speaker and Vice Speaker positions are included in the Board of Trustees and those positions should be specified in the IOP.

Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report F be adopted as amended.

- (4) RESOLUTION 1: ADDRESSING PROFESSIONALISM STANDARDS IN MEDICAL TRAINING

RECOMMENDATION A:

The first Resolve in Resolution 1 be amended by substitution.

~~RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association supports regular institutional review, including review by DEI offices or other appropriate entities, of professionalism policies in medical school and residency programs, ensuring that they do not lead to discriminatory practices; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association supports regular institutional review of professionalism policies in medical school and residency programs, including review mechanisms that account for cultural, religious, gender, and/or other identity-based impacts by appropriate offices or entities, to ensure such policies do not result in discriminatory practices; and be it further

RECOMMENDATION B:

Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association supports regular institutional review, including review by DEI offices or other appropriate entities, of professionalism policies in medical school and residency programs, ensuring that they do not lead to discriminatory practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA supports the ACGME, the AAMC, and AACOM to establish guidelines for residency programs and medical school professionalism policies that encourage institutions to outline actions that constitute a violation; and be it further

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2 RESOLVED, that our AMA advocates for AAMC, ACGME, and AACOM to support
3 measures that prevent medical schools and residency programs from using
4 professionalism violations as a means to stop trainee advocacy measures.

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6 Online forum commentary spoke to the concerns of using specific language, given the
7 pushback against DEI positions currently. The author's amendment provided in the online
8 forum took this feedback into account. Your Reference Committee concurs with the online
9 forum commentary and believes that the proposed amendment aligns with the intent of
10 the resolution. In addition, your Reference Committee minorly added "and/or" to the
11 author's proposed amendment for clarification purposes.

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13 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as
14 amended.

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16 (5) RESOLUTION 2: PRESERVATION OF MEDICAID

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18 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

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20 Resolution 2 be amended by addition of a new third resolve as
21 follows:

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23 **RESOLVED, that the AMA-YPS immediately forward this**
24 **resolution for consideration by the AMA House of Delegates at**
25 **the Annual 2025 Meeting.**

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27 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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29 Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.

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31 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association will make preservation of federal
32 funding and eligibility for all public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and
33 CHIP, an urgent and top legislative advocacy priority, effective immediately at the
34 conclusion of the Annual 2025 House of Delegates Meeting; and be it further

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36 RESOLVED, that our AMA strongly opposes federal and state efforts to restrict eligibility
37 and funding for public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and CHIP.

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39 Online forum commentary was in strong support of this resolution, with a suggestion to
40 consider it as an immediate forward at the Annual 2025 Meeting.

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42 Your Reference Committee discussed this feedback and agreed that this is an important
43 topic to discuss at Annual 2025 and cannot wait until the Interim Meeting. The Committee
44 decided that adding Resolve 3 to immediately forward this resolution would achieve the
45 authors' intent for this resolution. Your Reference Committee also recognizes the other
46 resolutions of this nature that are being considered in the HOD at Annual and hopes the
47 YPS resolution can be utilized by our YPS Delegate and Alternate Delegate to feel
48 empowered to speak on this topic in the HOD.

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50 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as
51 amended.

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(6) RESOLUTION 3: PRESERVING AUTONOMY IN THE PATIENT-PHYSICIAN
RELATIONSHIP

RECOMMENDATION A:

Resolution 3 be amended by addition and deletion:

**RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association study
~~reevaluate~~ sections of the *Code of Medical Ethics* to address
outside political, administrative, and financial influences on
the patient physician relationship and its impact on shared
decision making in the clinical setting.**

RECOMMENDATION B:

Resolution 3 be adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association reevaluate relevant sections of the
Code of Medical Ethics to address outside political, administrative, and financial influences
on the patient physician relationship and its impact on shared decision making in the
clinical setting.

Online Forum commentary was in support of the resolution, with additional clarifying
comments from the authors.

Your Reference Committee believes that the word “study” provides clearer direction to the
Board of Trustees than “reevaluate”. We believe that this amendment still embodies the
authors’ intent of the resolution to update the *Code of Medical Ethics*.

Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 3 be adopted as
amended.

RECOMMENDED FOR FILING

(7) REPORT A: GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/ACTION PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Report A be filed.

Report A includes the 2024-2025 YPS Section objectives, education sessions, standing committee goals, report and resolution summaries, and YPS member highlights. This is an informational report that provides an overview of activities by the Governing Council within the past year.

There was no online testimony for Report A. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

(8) REPORT D: YPS ENDORSEMENTS OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

RECOMMENDATION:

Report D be filed.

Report D provides the YPS Assembly with the Governing Council's endorsements of elected candidates for Annual 2025. This is an informational report and does not include recommendations. Report D also explains the difference in endorsement selection for the 2025 election and the 2026 election.

There was no online testimony for Report D. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report D be filed.

(9) REPORT E: ENDORSEMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT OF YPS ENDORSEMENTS FOR 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Report E be filed.

Report E summarizes the new process for endorsing candidates for elected positions for 2026 and beyond. The report introduces the Endorsement Selection Committee and their recommendations for endorsement of 2026 elected candidates. This report is informational and does not include recommendations.

There was no online testimony for Report E. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report E be filed.

This concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank Jen Nordhauser, MD, MPH; James Docherty, MD; Andrea Balthazar, MD; and Daniel Udrea, MD, and all those who testified before the Committee.

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