

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report B-A-26

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 have
3 been entitled to send two voting delegates to the AMA-YPS Assembly meetings. There are no alternate
4 delegates to the Assembly.

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

11 The following language is excerpted from the AMA Bylaws:

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- 14 • 7.5.3 Representatives to the Business Meeting. The Business Meeting shall consist of
15 representatives from constituent associations, Federal Services, and national medical specialty
16 societies represented in the House of Delegates. There shall be no alternate representatives.
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 - 18 • 7.5.3.1 Constituent Associations, National Medical Specialty Societies, and Federal Services.
19 Each constituent association and Federal Service shall be entitled to representation based on the
20 number of seats allocated to it by apportionment. Each national medical specialty society granted
21 representation in the House of Delegates shall be entitled to representation based on the number
22 of seats allocated to it by apportionment. In addition, unified constituent associations and
23 specialty societies that are entitled to additional representation pursuant to Bylaw 2.1.1.2 or
24 Bylaw 2.2.1 shall be entitled to 2 additional representatives.
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 - 26 • 7.5.3.1.1 Apportionment. The apportionment for each constituent association, Federal Service,
27 and national medical specialty society is 2 representatives for each 1,000, or fraction thereof,
28 members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the constituent association,
29 Federal Service, or specialty society, as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 of each year.
30 Each constituent association, Federal Service, and specialty society shall automatically be
31 entitled to 2 representatives, who may be selected in any manner. Those constituent
32 associations, Federal Services, or specialty societies who are eligible for more than 2
33 representatives, shall select the additional representatives according to rules and criteria
34 developed by the Governing Council to ensure that they are selected in a fair and equitable
35 manner allowing open representation.
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 - 37 • 7.5.3.1.2 Effective Date. Such apportionment shall take effect on the following January 1 and
38 shall remain effective for one year. In January of each year, the AMA shall notify each constituent
39 association and Federal Service of the number of seats to which it is entitled during the current
40 year. All specialty societies seeking additional representative seats beyond the first two are
41 required to submit evidence documenting the number of their AMA 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**

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20 State medical society allocations are based on year-end membership numbers from the prior year. The
21 enclosed chart presents the 2026 allocations for state representation in the AMA-YPS.
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23 The AMA-YPS Governing Council will continue to encourage AMA-YPS participation from state
24 medical societies that assign less than the allotted number of representatives or do not send
25 representatives at all.
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27 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

28 Increasing representation and promoting involvement among state medical societies in the YPS
29 Assembly is a key step in supporting the goals of the Section. Therefore, the YPS Governing Council
30 recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.
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- 32 1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative
33 slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
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- 35 2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to eligible state societies that have not sent a
36 representative or designated less than the allotted number of representatives for the AMA-YPS
37 Assembly.
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- 39 3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives and members to
40 highlight the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about
41 increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.

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 2026:

STATE	#	STATE	#	STATE	#
Alabama	2	Kentucky	2	Ohio	4
Alaska	2	Louisiana	2	Oklahoma	2
Arizona	2	Maine	2	Oregon	2
Arkansas	2	Maryland	2	Pennsylvania	4
California	14	Massachusetts	2	Puerto Rico	2
Colorado	2	Michigan	4	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	6	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	4	Virgin Islands	2
Illinois	4	New Mexico	2	Washington	4
Indiana	2	New York	8	West Virginia	2
Iowa	2	North Carolina	2	Wisconsin	2
Kansas	2	North Dakota	2	Wyoming	2

