

## Council on Medical Service (CMS)

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#### Statement of Interest

AMA's great impact historically and presently—for good or ill—is found in the moral and substantive public-facing arguments we advance. This is the nature of our position of public trust. Today, we have a special role to play. The great questions of our COVID-19 era surround health economics—the policies governing distribution of our finite health resources to meaningfully deliver health for all—this is the landscape for achieving health justice.

Health, however, cannot be achieved through abstract and narrow, policy-focused economics alone. Health must be achieved by making concrete the most persistent and malignant impediment to health: inequality.

The epochal health policy challenges of technology, climate, and pandemic all lie at this same crossroads. Each aforementioned issue will move in a direction of marginal benefit to the few coupled with the immiseration or exclusion of the many—or toward a beloved community that shares in the fruit of progress, just as they share in their vulnerability to these large-scale trends in social-economic and environmental change.

As AMA Government Relations & Advocacy Fellow, I have witnessed how our AMA policy changes our popular discourse. I commit to listen and engage with you, our communities, and the best-available evidence on issues of health policy, so as to best bring the voice of our RFS, our patients, and our values to CMS. Working with CMS, I believe we can light the spark of change in health care.