



Council on Medical Service Bylaws

Functions

To study and evaluate the social and economic aspects of medical care; and, on behalf of the public and the profession, to suggest means for the timely development of services in a changing socioeconomic environment;

To investigate social and economic factors influencing the practice of medicine;

To confer with state medical associations, component societies of the AMA, and national medical specialty societies regarding changing conditions and anticipated proposals that would affect medical care; and

To assist medical service committees established by state medical associations, component societies of the AMA, and the national medical specialty societies.

Membership

Twelve active members of the AMA, one of whom shall be a resident/fellow, and one of whom shall be a medical student.

Nomination and Election

Members of the Council, except the Medical Student Member, shall be elected by the House of Delegates.

The Medical Student Member of the Council shall be appointed by the Governing Council of the AMA Medical Student Section with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees.

Term

Members of the Council other than the Resident/Fellow Member and Medical Student Member shall be elected for terms of 4 years.

The Resident/Fellow Member of the Council shall be elected for a term of 2 years. If the Resident/Fellow Member completes their residency or fellowship, they shall be permitted to serve on the Council until the completion of the Annual Meeting. If the Resident/Fellow Member ceases to be in an approved training program at any other time prior to the expiration of the term for which they were elected, the service of such Resident/Fellow Member on the Council shall thereupon terminate and the position shall be declared vacant.

The Medical Student Member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of one year.

The Medical Student Member of the Council who graduates from an educational program during their term shall be permitted to serve on the Council for up to 200 days after graduation but not extending past the completion of the Annual Meeting following graduation. If the Medical Student Member ceases to be enrolled in an educational program at any other time prior to the expiration of the term for which appointed, the service of such Medical Student Member the Council shall thereupon terminate and position shall be declared vacant.

Tenure

Members of the Council may serve no more than 8 years. The limitation on tenure shall take priority over a term length for which the member was elected. Service on a Council as a Resident/Fellow Member and/or Medical Student Member shall not be counted in determining maximum Council tenure.

Vacancies

Members other than the Resident/Fellow Member and Medical Student Member: any vacancy among the members of the Council other than the Resident/Fellow Member and Medical Student Member shall be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates. The successor shall be elected by the House of Delegates for a 4-year term.

Resident/Fellow Member: if the Resident/Fellow Member of the Council ceases to complete the term for which elected, the remainder of the term shall be deemed to have expired. The successor shall be elected by the House of Delegates for a 2-year term.

Commencement of Term: members of Councils who are elected by the House of Delegates shall assume office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

(Source: Constitution and Bylaws of the American Medical Association, April 2025 revision)