

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report A
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Subject: AMA Advocacy Efforts

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At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly, the AMA-YPS Governing Council (GC) was directed to report annually on the section's advocacy efforts.

AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS

The AMA advocates at the federal and state levels on key health care issues impacting patients and physicians. Some of these AMA advocacy initiatives form part of the AMA Recovery Plan for America's Physicians and include:

- Fixing prior authorization
- Reforming Medicare payment
- Fighting scope creep
- Supporting telehealth
- Reducing physician burnout

In addition to the AMA Recovery Plan, advocacy efforts continue to address other issues such as reproductive health, COVID-19, and prevention of gun violence. More information on 2022 AMA advocacy efforts are available at <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/patient-support-advocacy/ama-advocacy-2022-efforts>.

Additionally, the AMA [Advocacy Resource Center](#) has worked with state legislatures, medical societies, and coalitions to advance state legislative and regulatory issues that affect the practice of medicine.

AMA-YPS POLICY INFLUENCE AND IMPACT

AMA-YPS policymaking activities contribute to the AMA's advocacy efforts and enhances discussions on significant issues impacting patients and physicians. During the June 2022 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD), the following YPS resolutions were considered:

- Resolution 001: Increasing Public Umbilical Cord Blood Donations in Transplant Centers (Resolution 001 adopted as amended and resolve 1 of Resolution 001 referred)
- Resolution 101: Fertility Preservation Benefits for Active-Duty Military Personnel (Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 622: HOD Modernization (Referred)

Additional information on YPS policy activities can be found in the June 2022 YPS Assembly Meeting [Digest of Actions](#). The following YPS resolutions will be presented for consideration during the November 2022 Interim Meeting of the AMA HOD:

- Resolution 001: Updating Physician Job Description for Disability Insurance
- Resolution 202: Advocating for State GME Funding
- Resolution 801: Parity in Military Reproductive Health Insurance Coverage for All Service Members and Veterans

During the June 2022 YPS Assembly Meeting, YPS Report E-A-22, [AMA-YPS Involvement in Advocacy and Policy Efforts](#), presented a review of 30 YPS resolutions considered by the AMA HOD with an advocacy or public health focus. The review timeline covered 2013 through 2021, which was intended to be representative of the eight-year span a current member could be part of the YPS.

Actions taken on YPS resolutions included in this review process were tracked based on the following categories:

- Created new AMA policy: 19 instances (67.9%)
- Modified existing AMA policy: 8 instances (28.6%)
- Resource: 0 instances (0.0%)
- No impact/Not adopted: 1 instance (3.57%)

AMA ADVOCACY CONFERENCES AND EDUCATION

The AMA provides opportunities to better understand issues impacting health care and enhance one's knowledge on ways to engage in advocacy efforts.

State Advocacy Summit. The State Advocacy Summit provides an opportunity for physician leaders, national experts, state legislators and regulators, and medical society staff to discuss concerns and opportunities associated with legislative issues of importance to medicine. The 2022 State Advocacy Summit keynote address is available [online](#). Information for the 2023 State Advocacy Summit, which is scheduled for January 12-14, is available at <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/events/state-advocacy-summit>.

AMA National Advocacy Conference. The National Advocacy Conference features updates from AMA leadership, industry leaders and members of Congress on efforts to improve health care and advocate on issues impacting physicians and patients. A series of action kits addressing issues such as [Medicare physician payment reform](#), [prior authorization](#), and [telehealth](#) were made available to support virtual Hill visits during the 2022 National Advocacy Conference.

Details for the 2023 National Advocacy Conference, which is scheduled for February 13-15, are available at <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/events/national-advocacy-conference>.

AMPAC Political Education Programs. The AMPAC Campaign School is available to physicians, physician spouses, residents, and medical students interested in becoming more involved in politics. The curriculum for the virtual AMPAC Campaign School covers strategy, vote targeting, social media, paid advertising and public speaking.

The AMPAC Candidate Workshop prepares physicians information on making a run for public office. Republican and Democratic political experts provide insights about politics and the sacrifices needed to launch a competitive campaign. Topics such as making the decision to run, fundraising, media advertising, and public speaking will be addressed in the workshop.

More information on the AMPAC Political Education Programs may be obtained by visiting <http://www.ampaonline.org/get-involved/political-education> or sending an email to politicaleducation@ama-assn.org.