AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION

Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

Kyle P. Edmonds, MD, Chair

Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED


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2. Report A: AMA Advocacy Efforts


4. Report C: AMA-YPS Compliance with AMA Election Rules
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

(1) RESOLUTION 1: AMEND POLICY D-275.948 TITLE “EDUCATION, TRAINING AND CREDENTIALING OF NON-PHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND THEIR IMPACT ON PHYSICIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING”. CREATION OF AN AMA TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ON PHYSICIAN BOARDS.

RECOMMENDATION A:

Resolution 1 be amended by addition and deletion:

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association amend the title of policy D-275.948 by substitution and deletion as follows:

Education, Training and Credentialing of Non-Physician Health Care Professionals and Their Impact on Physician Education and Training Addressing Non-physician Positions and Participation on Physician Regulatory Boards and Bodies and Potential Conflicts of Interest D-275.948; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA work with relevant stakeholders and physician regulatory bodies and boards involved in physician education, accreditation, certification, licensing, and credentialing to advocate for physician (M.D. or D.O. or foreign equivalent) led executive leadership on of these regulatory bodies and boards in order to be consistent with the AMA Recovery Plan’s efforts to fight scope creep, and prevent undermining physician confidence in these organizations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA create a task force with the mission to increase physician (M.D. or D.O. or foreign equivalent) participation in, awareness of, and participation in opportunities in leadership positions on physician regulatory bodies and boards involved in physician education, accreditation, certification, licensing, and credentialing through mechanisms including but not limited to mentorship programs, leadership training programs, board nominations, publicizing the opportunities to the membership, and creating a centralized list of required qualifications and methods to apply for these positions.

RECOMMENDATION B:

Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

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Online commentary was generally supportive of Resolution 1. The overall sentiment supported that the AMA, as appropriate, should advocate for physician leadership on regulatory bodies and boards in lieu of non-physician health care professionals. Further, commentary favored a mechanism to support physician involvement in leadership and creation of resources to support involvement in those opportunities.

Your Reference Committee wishes to note that AMA Policy H-405.969, Definition of a Physician, “affirms that a physician is an individual who has received a ‘Doctor of Medicine’ or a ‘Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine’ degree or an equivalent degree following successful completion of a prescribed course of study from a school of medicine or osteopathic medicine”. Since current AMA Policy H-405.969 describes who is considered a physician, your Reference Committee recommends that the parenthetical language (M.D. or D.O. or foreign equivalent) in the second and third Resolves be deleted.

Online commentary noted that the description of the task force needed further clarification. Your Reference Committee believes the amendments proffered reflect the online forum commentary and strengthen the language in the third Resolve.

Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.
RECOMMENDED FOR FILING

(2) REPORT A: AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Report A be filed.

At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the YPS Assembly, the YPS Governing Council was directed to report annually on the section’s advocacy efforts. Report A is an informational report that provides an overview of advocacy efforts accomplished by the AMA. Further, this report detailed YPS policymaking successes that have contributed to the AMA’s advocacy efforts and enhanced discussions on significant issues impacting patients and physicians.

No online commentary was provided for Report A. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

(3) REPORT B: AMA-YPS HANDBOOK REVIEW PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION:

Report B be filed.

YPS Report B is an informational report that outlines the purpose for the House of Delegates (HOD) handbook review, details the YPS review process, describes latest trends, and identifies opportunities to improve engagement in this process.

No comments were provided in the online forum for Report B. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be filed.

(4) REPORT C: AMA-YPS COMPLIANCE WITH AMA ELECTION RULES

RECOMMENDATION:

Report C be filed.

In accordance with Section X. D (Governing Council Rules for Endorsing Candidates for Elected Positions) of the YPS Internal Operating Procedures, the YPS Governing Council is required to submit an informational report on its plan to comply with all AMA election rules at each Interim meeting. Further, the YPS Governing Council will submit an informational report on any endorsements to the Assembly at the YPS meeting prior to the HOD elections.

Report C notes that the YPS Governing Council will continually monitor its endorsement process for adherence to AMA election rules. If the AMA policy on elections is modified, the YPS Governing Council will make adjustments, as appropriate, to ensure compliance.

No online commentary was received for Report C. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report C be filed.
This concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank Christine Kim, MD; Charles Lopresto, DO; Michael Lubrano, MD; and Eric Millican, MD.

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