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 improving public health, preserving access to care, and preventing firearm injuries and death. More information on current AMA advocacy efforts is available at https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/patient-support-advocacy/ama-advocacy-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 enhance discussions on significant issues impacting patients and physicians.

During the June 2022 YPS Assembly Meeting, YPS Report E-A-22, AMA-YPS Involvement in Advocacy and Policy Efforts, presented an overview 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.

Subsequent to this initial review, the YPS has contributed three new and four modified AMA policies:

- Resolution 202-I-22: Advocating for State GME Funding (See The Preservation, Stability and Expansion of Full Funding for Graduate Medical Education D-305.967)
• Resolution 801-I-22: Parity in Military Reproductive Health Insurance Coverage for All Service Members and Veterans (See Infertility Benefits for Veterans H-510.984)
• Resolution 120-A-23: Supporting Permanent Reimbursement of Acute Hospital Care at Home (See Advancing Acute Care at Home D-160.910)
• Resolution 402-A-23: Encouraging Discussion of Family Planning Counseling as Part of Recommended Routine Health Maintenance (See Preconception Care H-425.976)

Since the 2013 Annual Meeting, YPS-authored resolutions with an advocacy or public health focus have contributed to AMA policy in the following manner:

- Created new AMA policy: 21 instances (60%)
- Modified existing AMA policy: 13 instances (37.1%)
- Resource development: 0 instances (0.0%)
- No impact/not adopted: 1 instance (2.9%)

Addressing Public Health Disinformation. During the November 2021 Special Meeting, the YPS submitted Resolution 411 (Considerations for an AMA Disinformation Task Force) and Resolution 412 (Integrity of Health Professional Behavior During a Public Health Crisis). Alternate Resolution 411 was adopted in lieu of Resolutions 411 and 412. As a result of Alternate Resolution 411, the following actions occurred:

- Resulted in creation of AMA Policy, Addressing Public Health Disinformation Disseminated by Health Professionals D-440.914.
  - BOT Report 15-A-22, written in response to Resolution 411-I-21, proposed multifaceted plan for addressing public health disinformation through establishing trusted resources; providing education; combatting disinformation in all forms of media, including social media; and disciplinary action (when needed).

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. Information for the 2024 State Advocacy Summit, which is scheduled for January 11-13, 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, scope of practice and graduate medical education were made available to support virtual Hill visits during the 2023 National Advocacy Conference.

Details for the 2024 National Advocacy Conference, which is scheduled for February 12-14, 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.