

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

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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 healthcare issues impacting patients and physicians. The AMA continues to utilize the Fighting for Physicians campaign to highlight the following advocacy initiatives:

- [Reforming Medicare payment](#)
- [Fighting scope creep](#)
- [Fixing prior authorization](#)
- [Reducing physician burnout](#)
- [Making technology work for physicians](#)

In addition to Fighting for Physicians, advocacy efforts continue to address other issues such as protecting Medicaid, preserving vaccine access, shaping the future of digital health and AI, and protecting access to care. More information on current AMA advocacy efforts is available at <https://www.ama-assn.org/health-care-advocacy>.

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 four new AMA policies:

- Resolution 717-A-25: Promoting Medication Continuity and Reducing Prior Authorization Burdens (See [Promoting Medication Continuity and Reducing Prior Authorization Burdens D-320.969](#))
- Resolution 232-A-25: Preservation of Medicaid (See [Preservation of Medicaid H-290.951](#))
- Resolution 014-A-25: Protecting Access to Emergency Abortion Care Under EMTALA (See [Protecting Access to Emergency Abortion Care Under EMTALA H-5.979](#))
- Resolution 005-A-25: Preserving Autonomy in the Patient-Physician Relationship (See [Preserving Autonomy in the Patient-Physician Relationship D-140.944](#))

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: 27 instances
- Modified existing AMA policy: 15 instances
- Resource development: 0 instances
- No impact/not adopted: 2 instances

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 2027 State Advocacy Summit, which is scheduled for January 7-9, 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 reform](#), [protecting prior authorization burdens](#), and [protecting Medicaid](#) were made available.

Details for the 2027 National Advocacy Conference, which is scheduled for February 22-24, 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 AMPAC Campaign School covers strategy, vote targeting, social media, paid advertising, and public speaking.

The AMPAC Candidate Workshop prepares physicians with 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 forming a campaign plan and message, 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 <https://www.ampaconline.org/political-education/ampac-campaign-school> or sending an email to politicaleducation@ama-assn.org.

CONCLUSION

The YPS will continue to engage in advocacy efforts both within the AMA and externally on a local, state, and national level. We look forward to the continued effort of YPS members to impact the healthcare of their communities and our fellow physician colleagues.

