

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION**

Annotated Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

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1 Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:  
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3 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

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5 1. Report B: Update on Providing Assembly Contact Information to Candidates for  
6 YPS Governing Council (Resolution 1-A-24)  
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8 2. Resolution 1: Adapting the YPS IOPs for the Speakers' New Endorsement Rules  
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10 3. Resolution 2: Promoting Medication Continuity and Reducing Prior Authorization  
11 Burdens  
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13 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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15 4. Report A: AMA Advocacy Efforts  
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17 5. Report C: 2025 and 2026 Process for YPS Endorsements of Candidates for HOD  
18 Election  
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20 **RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION**

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22 6. Resolution 3: Comprehensive Third-Party Audit of AMA Medicare Payment Reform  
23 Strategy

1 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

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3 (1) REPORT B: UPDATE ON PROVIDING ASSEMBLY  
4 CONTACT INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES FOR YPS  
5 GOVERNING COUNCIL (RESOLUTION 1-A-24)

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7 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

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9 **Report B be amended by addition and deletion:**

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11 ~~That the AMA YPS safeguard its members' contact~~  
12 ~~information and not provide personal information to~~  
13 ~~AMA YPS candidates or AMA HOD candidates. That our~~  
14 ~~GC survey other Sections for their best practices for~~  
15 ~~candidates for Section leadership to engage AMA-YPS~~  
16 ~~representatives and report back at A-25.~~

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18 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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20 Report B be adopted as amended

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22 **FINAL ACTION: Referred for decision.**

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24 Your YPS Governing Council recommends:

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26 1. That the AMA-YPS safeguard its members' contact information and not provide  
27 personal information to AMA YPS candidates or AMA HOD candidates.  
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29 2. That the AMA-YPS adhere to applicable rules set forward in [AMA Election Rules](#)  
30 [and Guiding Principles G-610.090](#)

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33 Online testimony was limited, with one comment in opposition to the report. Your  
34 Reference Committee understands that the candidates for Section leadership are  
35 interested in engaging with YPS representatives.

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37 Your Reference Committee appreciates the Governing Council's efforts to adhere to HOD  
38 election policy. However, the provided recommendations do not accomplish the intended  
39 impact of the author with room for improvement in the language so a candidate running  
40 for election can have limited access to contact information, as is accomplished in other  
41 Sections.

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43 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be adopted as  
44 amended.

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46 (2) RESOLUTION 1: ADAPTING THE YPS IOPS FOR THE  
47 SPEAKERS' NEW ENDORSEMENT RULES

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49 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

1       **The first Resolve in Resolution 1 be amended by**  
2       **addition and deletion:**

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4       **RESOLVED, the YPS Governing Council shall appoint**  
5       **an endorsement committee composed of all the**  
6       **credentialed YPS ~~members~~ representatives at the 2025**  
7       **Annual YPS Assembly meeting to determine during that**  
8       **meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS**  
9       **endorsement for ~~YPS member~~ young physician trustee**  
10       **of the AMA Board of Trustees.**

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12       **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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14       **The second Resolve in Resolution 1 be deleted:**

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16       ~~**RESOLVED, the YPS Governing Council shall**~~  
17       ~~**immediately submit a revised endorsement process to**~~  
18       ~~**the Speakers in place of the previous proposal, which**~~  
19       ~~**stipulates that the YPS Governing Council shall appoint**~~  
20       ~~**an endorsement committee composed of all the**~~  
21       ~~**credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS**~~  
22       ~~**Assembly meeting to determine during that meeting**~~  
23       ~~**which eligible candidate will receive the YPS**~~  
24       ~~**endorsement for the YPS member of the AMA Board of**~~  
25       ~~**Trustees.**~~

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27       **RECOMMENDATION C:**

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29       **Resolution 1 be adopted as amended**

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31       **FINAL ACTION: Adopt as Amended.**

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33       **RESOLVED, the YPS Governing Council shall appoint a 9-member nominating**  
34       **committee composed of 3 members of the Governing Council selected by the**  
35       **Governing Council and 6 members that are elected by all credentialed YPS**  
36       **representatives at the 2024 Interim YPS Assembly for endorsements for**  
37       **candidates running for a House elected position at Annual 2026.**

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39       RESOLVED, that YPS Governing Council shall appoint an endorsement committee  
40       composed of all the credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly  
41       meeting to determine during that meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS  
42       endorsement for YPS member of the AMA Board of Trustees, and be it further

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44       RESOLVED, that the YPS Governing Council shall immediately submit a revised  
45       endorsement process to the Speakers in place of the previous proposal, which  
46       stipulates that the YPS Governing Council shall appoint an endorsement committee  
47       composed of all the credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly  
48       meeting to determine during that meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS  
49       endorsement for the YPS member of the AMA Board of Trustees.

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51       Online forum commentary from current Governing Council members provided clarification  
52       on these new endorsement rules from our Speakers'. The comment stated that Resolve  
53       1 is in accordance with the endorsement rules but Resolve 2 may be deemed out of order.  
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1 Your Reference Committee concurs with the online forum commentary and believes that  
2 it captures the intent of the author. Resolve 1 was minorly amended, as representatives  
3 are credentialed in the YPS Assembly.

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5 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as  
6 amended with a report back at A-25.

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8 (3) RESOLUTION 2: PROMOTING MEDICATION CONTINUITY AND REDUCING  
9 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BURDENS

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11 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

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13 **The first Resolve in Resolution 2 be amended by addition and deletion:**

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15 **RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association ~~advocate for state and~~  
16 ~~federal legislation or regulations requiring health insurance companies to~~  
17 ~~honor prior authorizations for medications for up to 12 months when~~  
18 ~~patients switch between insurance plans or experience coverage gaps~~  
19 ~~support~~ **advocate for federal and state legislation that minimizes the impact**  
20 **of prior authorization requirements and payer specific formulary tiering**  
21 **policies for medications during transitions or lapses in insurance coverage;**  
22 **and be it further****

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24 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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26 **Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.**

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28 **FINAL ACTION: Adopted as Amended.**

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30 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for state and federal  
31 legislation or regulations requiring health insurance companies to honor prior  
32 authorizations for medications for up to 12 months when patients switch between  
33 insurance plans or experience coverage gaps (Directive to Take Action); and be it  
34 further

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36 RESOLVED, that our AMA collaborates with relevant stakeholders to develop and  
37 promote best practices for implementing medication continuity policies across different  
38 insurance plans and healthcare systems (Directive to Take Action)

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40 Commentary was mixed for Resolution 2. The overall sentiment of the online forum  
41 comments was that patient medication coverage should not be impacted because of the  
42 negative impacts of prior authorization.

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44 Your Reference Committee considered a delegation's amendment and believe that it still  
45 embodies the author's intent of the resolution. The language in the original Resolve 1  
46 could be too specific and prescriptive and may influence the results of Resolve 2.

47 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as  
48 amended.

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50 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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52 (4) REPORT A: AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Report A be filed.**

**FINAL ACTION: Filed**

Report A includes key AMA advocacy priorities and AMA-YPS policy impact and influence. This is an informational report that provides an overview of advocacy efforts accomplished by the AMA. Further, this report details YPS policymaking successes that have contributed to the AMA's advocacy efforts and enhanced discussions on significant issues impacting patients and physicians

One supportive comment was provided during the online forum. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

(5) REPORT C: 2025 AND 2026 PROCESS FOR YPS ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES FOR HOD ELECTION

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Report C be filed.**

**FINAL ACTION: Filed**

Report C is an informational report outlining the 2025 and 2026 endorsement process for the HOD election. The Reference Committee appreciates the Governing Council's recommendation of adding additional language on how to release candidate information to the Assembly and any voting regulations but with limited testimony on the online forum, there is no drafted language.

Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report C be filed.

**RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION**

(6) RESOLUTION 3: COMPREHENSIVE THIRD-PARTY AUDIT OF AMA MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORM STRATEGY

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Resolution 3 be not adopted.**

**FINAL ACTION: Substitute Resolution 3 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 3 with a title change:**

**INCREASING TRANSPARENCY OF AMA MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORM STRATEGY**

RESOLVED, that our AMA provide a summary of findings and actionable recommendations from both internal and external advocacy consultants regarding Medicare payment reform. The report must primarily focus on barriers identified, gaps in the current strategy, and specific recommendations for improving and accelerating advocacy efforts; and be it further

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2 **RESOLVED, that our AMA share with its members comprehensive reports on our**  
3 **Medicare payment reform advocacy efforts, including consultant findings on major**  
4 **barriers, strategy gaps, and recommendations for improvement, at both the Interim**  
5 **and Annual Meetings beginning at I-25, and more frequently as legislative dynamics**  
6 **dictate.**

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8 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association will engage a third-party  
9 organization to conduct a comprehensive audit of the AMA's Medicare payment reform  
10 strategy; and be it further

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12 RESOLVED, that this third-party audit will explore all aspects of the AMA's efforts  
13 regarding Medicare payment reform, including but not limited to: lobbying efforts,  
14 funding allocations, overall strategic approach, and any internal or external factors  
15 contributing to the lack of progress; and be it further

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17 RESOLVED, that the findings of this third-party audit will be reported back to the HOD  
18 with actionable recommendations for how to improve and accelerate the AMA's  
19 Medicare payment reform efforts; and be it further

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21 RESOLVED, that the AMA will commit to transparency by sharing the audit results and  
22 the steps taken in response with its membership and the public, demonstrating a  
23 renewed commitment to achieving meaningful Medicare payment reform.

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26 Your Reference Committee appreciates the author's concerns on this issue. However,  
27 the Resolve clauses are not an appropriate process to go about this advocacy topic. Not  
28 only is there a large fiscal note attached to this resolution, but also transparency efforts  
29 are underway by the AMA.

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31 Medicare Payment Reform is the top advocacy priority for the AMA. In 2023, the AMA  
32 launched the Fix Medicare Now campaign to press Congress for a stop to payment cuts  
33 and to enact bills that create a long-term solution to this issue. It should also be noted  
34 that for several years, the AMA has been conducting focus groups and national polls  
35 with patients and physicians to test Medicare messaging and to identify trends in  
36 beneficiary access to care. Strategy is continuously reviewed and assessed by AMA  
37 management with oversight from the Board of Trustees and in consultation with the  
38 Council on Legislation, Federation partners, outside consultants, pollsters, and  
39 Congressional champions.

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41 In addition, BOT Report 10 at Interim 2024 provides a full update on the AMA's Medicare  
42 payment reform efforts.

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44 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 3 is not adopted.

- 1 This concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank
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