

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION

Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

Charles Lopresto, DO, Chair

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 Your YPS Governing Council recommends:

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24 1. That the AMA-YPS safeguard its members' contact information and provide
25 personal information to AMA YPS candidates or AMA HOD candidates.
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27 2. That the AMA-YPS adhere to applicable rules set forward in [AMA Election Rules](#)
28 [and Guiding Principles G-610.090](#)
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31 Online testimony was limited, with one comment in opposition to the report. Your
32 Reference Committee understands that the candidates for Section leadership are
33 interested in engaging with YPS representatives.

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

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41 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be adopted as
42 amended.

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

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47 **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 of the AMA Board of**
10 **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 RESOLVED, that YPS Governing Council shall appoint an endorsement committee
32 composed of all the credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly
33 meeting to determine during that meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS
34 endorsement for YPS member of the AMA Board of Trustees, and be it further

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36 RESOLVED, that the YPS Governing Council shall immediately submit a revised
37 endorsement process to the Speakers in place of the previous proposal, which
38 stipulates that the YPS Governing Council shall appoint an endorsement committee
39 composed of all the credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly
40 meeting to determine during that meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS
41 endorsement for the YPS member of the AMA Board of Trustees.

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43 Online forum commentary from current Governing Council members provided clarification
44 on these new endorsement rules from our Speakers'. The comment stated that Resolve
45 1 is in accordance with the endorsement rules but Resolve 2 may be deemed out of order.

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47 Your Reference Committee concurs with the online forum commentary and believes that
48 it captures the intent of the author. Resolve 1 was minorly amended, as representatives
49 are credentialed in the YPS Assembly.

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

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1 (3) RESOLUTION 2: PROMOTING MEDICATION CONTINUITY AND REDUCING
2 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BURDENS
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4 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

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6 **The first Resolve in Resolution 2 be amended by addition and deletion:**
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8 **RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for state and**
9 **federal legislation or regulations requiring health insurance companies to**
10 **honor prior authorizations for medications for up to 12 months when**
11 **patients switch between insurance plans or experience coverage gaps**
12 **support federal and state legislation that minimizes the impact of prior**
13 **authorization requirements for medications during transitions or lapses in**
14 **insurance coverage; and be it further**
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16 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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18 **Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.**
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20 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for state and federal
21 legislation or regulations requiring health insurance companies to honor prior
22 authorizations for medications for up to 12 months when patients switch between
23 insurance plans or experience coverage gaps (Directive to Take Action); and be it
24 further
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26 RESOLVED, that our AMA collaborates with relevant stakeholders to develop and
27 promote best practices for implementing medication continuity policies across different
28 insurance plans and healthcare systems (Directive to Take Action)
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30 Commentary was mixed for Resolution 2. The overall sentiment of the online forum
31 comments was that patient medication coverage should not be impacted because of the
32 negative impacts of prior authorization.
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34 Your Reference Committee considered a delegation's amendment and believe that it still
35 embodies the author's intent of the resolution. The language in the original Resolve 1
36 could be too specific and prescriptive and may influence the results of Resolve 2.

37 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as
38 amended.
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40 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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42 (4) REPORT A: AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS
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44 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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46 **Report A be filed.**
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48 Report A includes key AMA advocacy priorities and AMA-YPS policy impact and influence.
49 This is an informational report that provides an overview of advocacy efforts accomplished
50 by the AMA. Further, this report details YPS policymaking successes that have contributed
51 to the AMA's advocacy efforts and enhanced discussions on significant issues impacting
52 patients and physicians
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1 One supportive comment was provided during the online forum. Therefore, your
2 Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

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

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7 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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9 **Report C be filed.**

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

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

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19 **RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION**

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

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24 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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26 **Resolution 3 be not adopted.**

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

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

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

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

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

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51 Medicare Payment Reform is the top advocacy priority for the AMA. In 2023, the AMA
52 launched the Fix Medicare Now campaign to press Congress for a stop to payment cuts
53 and to enact bills that create a long-term solution to this issue. It should also be noted

1 that for several years, the AMA has been conducting focus groups and national polls
2 with patients and physicians to test Medicare messaging and to identify trends in
3 beneficiary access to care. Strategy is continuously reviewed and assessed by AMA
4 management with oversight from the Board of Trustees and in consultation with the
5 Council on Legislation, Federation partners, outside consultants, pollsters, and
6 Congressional champions.

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

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11 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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