

# REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report A  
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Subject: AMA Advocacy Efforts

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1 At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly, the AMA-YPS  
2 Governing Council (GC) was directed to report annually on the section's advocacy efforts.

## 3 4 **AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS**

5 The AMA advocates at the federal and state levels on key healthcare issues impacting patients and  
6 physicians. Some of these AMA advocacy initiatives form part of [Fighting for Physicians](#) and  
7 include:

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- 9 • [Reforming Medicare payment](#)
- 10 • [Fighting scope creep](#)
- 11 • [Fixing prior authorization](#)
- 12 • [Reducing physician burnout](#)
- 13 • [Making technology work for physicians](#)
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15 In addition to Fighting for Physicians, advocacy efforts continue to address other issues such as  
16 improving public health, advocating for solutions to cybersecurity issues, and improving maternal  
17 health outcomes. More information on current AMA advocacy efforts is available at  
18 <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/patient-support-advocacy/ama-advocacy-efforts>.

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20 Additionally, the AMA [Advocacy Resource Center](#) has worked with state legislatures, medical  
21 societies, and coalitions to advance state legislative and regulatory issues that affect the practice of  
22 medicine.

## 23 24 **AMA-YPS POLICY INFLUENCE AND IMPACT**

25 AMA-YPS policymaking activities contribute to the AMA's advocacy efforts and enhance  
26 discussions on significant issues impacting patients and physicians.

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28 During the June 2022 YPS Assembly Meeting, YPS Report E-A-22, [AMA-YPS Involvement in](#)  
29 [Advocacy and Policy Efforts](#), presented an overview of 30 YPS resolutions considered by the AMA  
30 HOD with an advocacy or public health focus. The review timeline covered 2013 through 2021,  
31 which was intended to be representative of the eight-year span a current member could be part of  
32 the YPS.

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

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- 36 • Resolution 807-I-23: Any Willing Provider Provisions and Laws (See [Any Willing Provider](#)  
37 [Provisions and Laws H-285.984](#))
- 38 • Resolution 808-I-23: Prosthodontic Coverage after Oncologic Reconstruction (See [Definitions](#)  
39 [of "Cosmetic" and "Reconstructive" Surgery H-475.992](#))
- 40 • Resolution 602-A-24: Ranked Choice Voting (See [Ranked Choice Voting G-610.009](#))

- Resolution 252-A-24: Model Legislation to Protect the Future of Medicine (See [Model Legislation to Protect the Future of Medicine D-295.301](#))

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: 23 instances (57.5%)
- Modified existing AMA policy: 15 instances (37.5%)
- Resource development: 0 instances (0.0%)
- No impact/not adopted: 2 instances (5%)

### **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 2025 State Advocacy Summit, which is scheduled for January 9-11, 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 [maternal health](#), [Medicare physician payment reform](#), and [graduate medical education](#) were made available to support virtual Hill visits during the 2024 National Advocacy Conference.

Details for the 2025 National Advocacy Conference, which is scheduled for February 10-12, 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 deciding 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](mailto: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.