

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
2022 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

Report 6

**Report of the Vice Speaker
Maria Basile, MD**

The resolutions listed below were approved by the 2021 House of Delegates meeting held on September 18, 2021. They were referred to the MSSNY Council meeting of September 23, 2021 or the American Medical Association for action. Herewith is a report of the actions taken on those resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

51 - Uniform Standard of Care in Liability Cases

Council referred this resolution to the Committee on Legislation and Physician Advocacy at its September 2021 meeting. The LPA Committee recommended a substitute resolution for adoption which Council considered at its meeting on March 9, 2022. The resolution was amended and adopted. It is in the MSSNY Policy and Position Statements as 190.983.

57 – Prioritizing People First: Upholding our Oath & Code of Conduct by Endorsing the Improved & Enhanced Medicare for All Act (HR 1976) and

58 - Prioritizing People First: Upholding our Oath & Code of Conduct by Endorsing the New York Health Act (A.6058/S5474)

These two resolutions were combined and considered together. Referred to the Legislation and Physician Advocacy Committee, they were debated at great length at the committee meetings. An extensive report supporting the recommendation of the LPA Committee was provided to Council on March 9, 2022. The Council adopted the recommendation which was to reaffirm policy 130.931 in lieu of resolutions 57 and 58.

105 – Reciprocal Telehealth Coverage

Council referred this resolution to the Committee on Legislation and Physician Advocacy at its September 2021 meeting. A report outlining the research done on the topic was provided to Council at its March 9, 2022 meeting. Council voted to adopt a substitute resolution which has been installed as policy 117.960 in the MSSNY PPS.

156 - Eliminating Health Disparities in New York City

Council referred this resolution to the Committee on Health Equity at its September 2021 meeting. This resolution was discussed by the Committee on Health Equity at a meeting on March 25, 2022. The Committee will invite that the Chief Medical Officer of New York City to its Fall meeting to discuss how the NYC Department of Health is addressing health disparities within its various boroughs.

202 – IMG Membership

Council referred this resolution to the Committee on Membership at its September 2021 meeting. The Committee recommended a substitute resolution to the Council which was considered at the January 13, 2022 meeting. The Council approved a 3-year pilot program which revised the requirements for post medical graduate membership for IMGs.

204 – Promotional Period for Membership (“18 months for 12 months”)

Council referred this resolution to the Committee on Membership at its September 2021 meeting. The Committee brought the resolution to the January 13, 2022 Council meeting with a recommendation that the resolution not be adopted. Council voted that the resolution be not adopted.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO AMA

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the AMA meetings in 2020 and 2021 were conducted under special rules and were deemed “Special Meetings” rather than “House of Delegates.” Because of a prohibition on travel and large group gatherings, the Special Meetings were conducted virtually. The nature of virtual meetings required that the business considered by AMA delegates be only the most important and critical resolutions and issues. Therefore, a Resolution Review Committees rated resolutions on their urgency and priority. Many resolutions were not recommended for consideration at those meetings.

101 - Fifteen Month Lab Orders

Forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA, it was assigned to ref com G as resolution 707 but was not recommended for priority consideration. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

106 – Medicare Advantage Plan Mandates

Forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA, it was assigned to ref com B as resolution 230 but was not recommended for priority consideration. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA 119 – First submission

200 – September 11th as a National Holiday

Installed in MSSNY position papers as 207.953

Forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA, it was assigned to ref com F as resolution 611 but was not recommended for priority consideration. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

201 – UN International Radionuclide Therapy Day Recognition

Installed in MSSNY position papers as 207.952

Forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA, it was assigned to ref com F as resolution 612 but was not recommended for priority consideration. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 025

Considered by Council at the November '21 meeting, it was amended and adopted and installed as MSSNY policy 285.984. It was forwarded to the N-21 AMA meeting and assigned to the ref com on constitution and bylaws as res 025 but was not recommended for priority consideration. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 232 – Ban the Gay/Trans (LGBTQ+) Panic Defense

Considered by Council at its April '21 meeting, it was adopted and also forwarded to the AMA. Originally submitted in June 2021 as resolution 203 it was not considered priority. It was resubmitted in November 2021 where it again was not considered a priority. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

250 – Insurance Coverage for Scalp Cooling (Cold Cap) Therapy

Installed in MSSNY position papers as 120.895

Forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA, it was assigned to ref com G as resolution 708 but was not recommended for priority consideration. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

55 and 251 – CMS Administrative Requirements

Resolution 251 was installed in MSSNY policy papers as 120.894

Resolution 55 was installed in MSSNY policy papers as 120.981

Two resolutions with similar content were combined and forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA. The resolution was assigned to ref com B as 229, where it was

considered and adopted. It has been installed in the AMA Policy Compendium as policy D-190.970.

254 CPT Denials/ Service/ Preauthorization Denials

And

255 Prior Authorization – CPT Codes for Fair Compensation

Two resolutions with similar content were combined for consideration at the MSSNY HOD and adopted. They were Installed in MSSNY position papers as a single policy # 305.991. A single resolution was forwarded to the November 2021 Special Meeting of the AMA where it was considered as resolution 709. It did not meet the priority threshold and was not considered at the meeting. It will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA 404 – Ensuring Affordability and Equity in COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

This resolution was sent to the June 2021 Council meeting by the MSSNY committee on Infectious Disease. Council adopted the resolution and it was forwarded to AMA for national action. The resolution was placed in the ref com D as resolution 408 where it was amended slightly and adopted. It can be found appended to already existing AMA Policy # D-440.921.

AMA Res 119 Bundling Physician Fees with Hospital Fees

Originally MSSNY resolution 258 at the 2020 HOD. It was sent to the N-20 AMA meeting, sent to ref com A as res 106 but was not accepted for consideration. It was resubmitted to both the June-21 and November-21 meetings but remained unconsidered. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 235 – Insurers and Vertical Integration

Originally from the MSSNY HOD-20, it was submitted to June 21 AMA and was placed in ref com B as res 204. It was not a priority consideration and was resubmitted to N-21 where it again was not considered. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 710 - Physician Burnout is an OSHA Issue

Originally MSSNY res 250 at the 2020 HOD. It was submitted to the N-20 meeting but not accepted. It was resubmitted for J-21 and N-21 AMA meetings but was not considered a priority resolution. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 121 – Medicaid Tax Benefits

Originally Late D at the 2020 MSSNY HOD. It was submitted to the N-20 meeting but was not accepted. It was resubmitted to both the J-21 and N-21 AMA meetings but was not given priority consideration at either meeting. AMA has existing policy on the topic. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 120 – COBRA for College Students

Originally MSSNY resolution 253, it was sent to AMA for N-20, but not accepted. It was resubmitted to both the J-21 and N-21 meetings but was not given priority consideration at either meeting. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 316 – Student Debt Cancellation

Considered by the MSSNY Council at its April 2020 meeting, Council adopted the resolution and forwarded it to the AMA for the J-21 meeting. Submitted to AMA for J-21 and again for N-21 but was not given priority consideration at either meeting. The resolution will be resubmitted to the June 2022 AMA meeting.

AMA Res 231 – Ghost Guns

Originally MSSNY res 154. It was submitted to AMA for the N-20, J-21, and N-21 meetings but was not given priority consideration at any of the meetings. The resolution will be resubmitted.