

2022 Reference Committee Governmental Affairs B
FINAL ACTIONS

- 100** Adjustment of Premiums & Reimbursement Rates During the Pandemic
Introduced by Medical Society of the County of Queens
ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York advocates to the NYS Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner and the Commissioner of Insurance to review the business practices of all the major insurance companies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York partners with the relevant New York State regulatory authorities and stakeholders to advocate that insurance companies adjust the premiums paid by the customers to a fair level or provide them with appropriate reimbursements based on the reduction of services provided during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York partners with the relevant New York State regulatory authorities and stakeholders to advocate that the insurance companies adjust their reimbursement rates to physicians, other providers and hospitals to fair and sustainable levels, adjusted by the increased costs spent by these individuals and entities during the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure continuity of care for our entire community and particularly the most underprivileged population.

- 101** Creation of a New York State Independent Medical Practice Taskforce
Introduced by Nassau County Medical Society
REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that MSSNY will advocate with the New York State government to create a task force to help maintain the sustainability of independent medical practices in the State of New York.

- 102** New York State Medical License Authority
Introduced by Nassau County Medical Society
ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York formally review the issue of whether it would be advantageous for the licensing authority of physicians to remain in the New York State Department of Education.

- 103** Assisted Living Residence (ALR) NYS Regulation Database
Introduced by Timothy Holahan DO, CMD, Delegate, Monroe County Medical Society. Supported by: New York Medical Directors Association (NYMDA) & The Metropolitan Area Geriatrics Society (MAGS)
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY with the support of the NY Medical Directors Association (NYMDA), collaborate with the New York State Department of Health to create an

easily accessible database which would make all Assisted Living Residence rules, regulations (ALR) and links to Dear Admin Letters (DALs) available to staff at assisted living facilities, primary care provider teams, hospitals, and/or health systems and which would be updated at least annually.

- 104** Retirement of Physician License
Introduced by MSSNY Committee for Physician Health Advisory
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) will seek legislation which provides non-disciplinary retirement of a physician license or emeritus status of a physician license without declaration of permanent incapacity provided that the physician has no pending disciplinary matters.

- 105** Hospital Discharge Summaries
Introduced by Suffolk County Medical Society
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the MSSNY support and seek legislation or regulation of an opt out policy where patients must explicitly request in writing for records not to be shared, encouraging seamless sharing of personal health information among all New York State clinicians.

- 106** Direct Contracting Entities (DCEs) or Similar Programs for Medicare Plans
Introduced by Donald E. Moore, M.D., M.P.H. and Lawrence A. Melniker, M.D., as Individuals, Delegates Kings County
NOT ADOPTED

- 107** Safety Problems in the New York City Subway System
Introduced by New York County Medical Society
NOT ADOPTED

- 108** Removing Barriers to Starting a Medical Practice in New York
Introduced by New York County Medical Society
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED & TITLE OF RESOLUTION CHANGED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY support legislation to eliminate the requirements for printed public legal notice for the formation of limited liability companies in New York State which are financial barriers and administrative burdens to physicians opening medical practices.

The title of the resolution changed from “Removing Barriers to Starting a Medical Practice in New York” to “Removal of Print Publication Requirements in the Formation of Corporate Entities” to provide greater clarity on what the resolution does.

- 109** Collective Bargaining by Physicians
Introduced by Realba Rodriguez, MD & Alan Diaz, MD as Individuals, Delegates to Bronx County

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED That MSSNY advocate for legislation that will end prohibitions which limit independent physicians from forming collective bargaining entities (unions).

- 110** Tele-Visits & Telephone Consults
Introduced by Realba Rodriguez, MD & Alan Diaz, MD as Individuals, Delegates to Bronx County

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of NY (MSSNY) seek legislation and/or regulation to permanently establish equal payments for all patient encounters and communications, including but not limited to audio and visual visits, on par with payments for in person visits in the context of an established continuous relationship with a physician.

- 111** Case Management & Social Workers
Introduced by Realba Rodriguez, MD & Alan Diaz, MD as Individuals, Delegates to Bronx County

REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the New York State Insurance Commission requires that the Advance Care Plans have both Care Management and Social Worker services for every patient enrolled under their insurance.