

2021 HOUSE OF DELEGATES – FINAL ACTIONS
Reference Committee on Governmental Affairs and Legal Matters - B

- 100** Telehealth Services
Introduced by the New York County Medical Society.
ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) support legislation that will protect Telehealth benefits by CMS and all private health insurance plans, including ERISA plans, after the end of the pandemic and request that AMA assist in these efforts.

- 101** Fifteen Month Lab Orders
Introduced by the Schoharie County Medical Society and the Medical Society of the County of Kings.
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That MSSNY directs New York AMA representatives to present this resolution to the AMA for action at the Interim 2021 meeting; that the AMA advocates to CMS to allow standing laboratory orders to be active for 15 months, and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY advocate for legislation and/or regulation for all insurances to allow any standing laboratory order to be valid for up to 15 months before a new order is required.

- 102** Increasing The Physician Workforce In New York State
Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens.
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York pursue changes in New York State policy that would allow physicians who have successfully obtained their Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) (1) certification to obtain a New York State medical license after the successful completion of one year of graduate medical education.

- 103** Optimizing The Online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
To Advance Health Equity
Introduced by the NYS Academy of Family Physicians and the Suffolk County Medical Society.
ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York will advocate for policy that would facilitate expansion in the number of vendors that participate in the online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in New York State.

- 104** Covid-Related Mental Health Coverage
Introduced by the Ninth District Branch.
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY support legislation and/or regulation to assure that there is coverage for a full continuum of services to treat mental health illnesses brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society supports legislation and/or regulation that will eliminate the outpatient and inpatient limits and equalize co-payments and deductibles for mental health coverage.

105 Reciprocal Telehealth Coverage

Introduced by Dr. Loren Wissner-Greene, MD as individual NY Delegate.

REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York advocate for reciprocal Telehealth arrangements so that New York State physicians can provide continuing care by Telehealth across state borders for existing patients.

106 Medicare Advantage Plan Mandates

Introduced by Dr. Loren Wissner-Greene, MD as individual NY Delegate.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association (AMA) advocate for federal legislation to ensure that no person should be mandated to change from traditional Medicare to Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.