

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND LEGAL MATTERS (B)

100 Resolution 100 - Saving Lives and Money
Introduced by the Fifth and Sixth Districts
RESOLUTION WAS NOT ADOPTED

101 Resolution 101 - Preserving the Anesthesia Care Team Model
Introduced by the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY will develop a policy in support of physician supervision of nurse anesthetists, and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY will seek to have legislation introduced and signed into law in New York State stipulating that a patient undergoing any medical treatment requiring anesthesia in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center, regardless of where the hospital or ambulatory surgical center is located and regardless of the type of health insurance coverage, be guaranteed that a physician-anesthesiologist will either personally administer or supervise a nurse anesthetist in the administration of anesthesia or that a designated surgeon, who has agreed to medically supervise the nurse anesthetist.

102 Protecting Patients from High Drug Prices
Introduced by the New York County Medical Society
and

105 Maintenance Medications and Pharmacy Parity
Introduced by the Schoharie County Medical Society, Third and Fourth Districts
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge legislation that prohibits pharmacies to charge higher prices (from pharmacy benefit managers or insurance plans) than the actual pharmacy price of the medication; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York advocate for patients to have a choice to receive maintenance prescriptions from either a mail order pharmacy or a brick-and-mortar pharmacy without any financial penalty.

103 Resolution 103 - Pharmaceutical Shortages of IV Bags
Introduced by the New York County Medical Society
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York ask the American Medical Association to urge legislation and/or regulatory flexibility to allow for the safe expansion of purchasing medical supplies,

equipment and pharmaceuticals from various countries abroad at a time of shortage.

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Resolution 104 - Covered Drugs during Insurance Enrollment Year
Introduced by the New York County Medical Society

RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge the American Medical Association to ask for federal legislation or regulation, whereby Medicare plans and HMO plans would not be permitted to change the covered drugs during the enrollment year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York seek legislation or regulation, whereby Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and large pharmacy systems would not be permitted to ask prescribers to change prescriptions during the year unless there were medical evidence that the change would benefit the patient;

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York ask for legislation or regulation whereby, during the enrollment year, no required changes would be imposed on prescribers (such as a change from brand to generic, or a change from brand to another brand).

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Resolution 106 - Restricting Faxes from Pharmacy Benefit Managers
Introduced by the New York County Medical Society

RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York ask the American Medical Association to support limiting the use of faxes by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and large pharmacy systems (such as Express Scripts, OptumRx, Humana) sent to physicians;

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York be committed to the goal of finding cost effective strategies for physicians and suggests that the American Medical Association work with the Medical Society of the State of New York to convene a work group of stakeholders, including physicians, health plans associations, health insurers, large pharmacy systems and their pharmaceutical benefit managers to develop cost effective alternatives to contact physicians for prescriptions and requests for prior authorization electronically, rather than by fax, whenever possible.

107 Resolution 107 - Workforce Development for Addiction Treatment by Physicians
Introduced by the New York Society of Addiction Medicine

RESOLVED, that MSSNY support the use of State funding to establish and to support addiction medicine fellowships in New York State.

108 Resolution 108 - Board Certification Participation in Insurance Plans
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolved, That MSSNY support legislation or regulation that allows physicians who complete their residency and are candidates for board certification according to their respective specialty NOT be denied participation in insurance plans based on board certification alone.

109 Resolution 109 - Comprehensive Minimal Facility Security Standards
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York reaffirm policy 315.992- "Violence Against Physicians, Health Care workers and Others"; and be it further

315.992 Violence Against Physicians, Health Care Workers and Others:

MSSNY will work with the New York State Society of Internal Medicine and other recognized specialty societies, to formulate, within current budgetary constraints, a public and professional awareness campaign in response to the recent trends towards violence against physicians and other health care workers in the performance of their duties. MSSNY shall condemn, without exception, the violence or threat of violence to physicians, health care workers and other individuals who are practicing according to their conscience, and in compliance with the law. (HOD 1999-202; Reaffirmed Council 11/13/03; Reaffirmed HOD 2013)

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York advocate for appropriate minimal facility security standards for all New York State licensed hospitals be developed by a broad based professional advisory panel.

110 Resolution 110 - NYS DOH Employment of Immediate Jeopardy For Surgical Attire
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge the New York State Department of Health to reconsider its use of Immediate Jeopardy in alleged instances of lack of “proper” surgical attire.

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York advocate to use measures by the New York State Department of Health that are less disruptive to ensure compliance with policies set forth by a hospital.

111 Resolution 111 - Opposition to Medicaid Work Requirements
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

RESOLVED, that MSSNY oppose instituting work requirements on Medicaid eligibles due to its uncertain health implications, and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY urge our American Medical Association to reaffirm AMA policy H-290.961.

112 Resolution 112 - Oppose Medicaid Eligibility Lockout
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY oppose ‘lock-out’ provisions that exclude Medicaid eligibles for lengthy periods merely for failing to meet paperwork burdens, and support provisions that permit them to reapply; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MSSNY introduce to the AMA a resolution to oppose ‘lock-out’ provisions that exclude Medicaid eligibles for lengthy periods merely for failing to meet paperwork burdens, and support provisions that permit them to reapply.

113 Expanded Clinical Roles for Medical Assistants in New York State
Introduced by the Nassau County Medical Society

EXISTING POLICY RE-AFFIRMED

115.984 Expanded Clinical Roles for Medical Assistants in New York State

MSSNY will work with New York State approved medical assistant teaching programs to develop suitable rules defining clinical work guidelines that can be incorporated into current New York State regulations. (HOD 2017-105)

115.994 Certified Medical Assistants/Medical Assistants – Preservation of Physician Autonomy in Employment and Assignment of Duties:

MSSNY will develop and promote regulation and/or legislation that allows Certified Medical Assistants and Medical Assistants to continue to perform the usual duties of their position under the direct supervision of their physician employers if the physician has evaluated and approved their ability to do so, making this a part of the Annual Legislative Agenda until this goal has been attained. (HOD 1996-68; Reaffirmed HOD 2014; Reaffirmed HOD in lieu of 2017-105)

114 Resolution 114 - Regulation of Hospital Advertising
Introduced by Medical Society of the County of Queens

RESOLVED, that MSSNY and the AMA advocate for regulation to promote responsible hospital and medical advertising.

115 Resolution 115 - Chiropractor (D.C.) Scope of Practice
Introduced by the Suffolk County Medical Society
REFERRED TO COUNCIL.