

2022 HOUSE OF DELEGATES – FINAL ACTIONS
Reference Committee on Public Health and Education

- 150 Osteoporosis Awareness Education and Treatment
Introduce by the Ninth District
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York reaffirm MSSNY Policy 260.957.

RESOLVED, That MSSNY support increase New York State funding to raise awareness for patients and healthcare professionals of the importance of screening for and treating Osteoporosis.

- 151 Increase Credit for CME Preparation for Physicians
Introduced by New York County Medical Society
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York urge the American Medical Association to collaborate with the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (CME), to allow physicians to claim an amount of Category 1 CME credits that more accurately reflects the hours they spend on preparing and presenting CME programs to a maximum of four (4) Category 1 CME hours.

- 152 Medical Schools Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
Introduced by Monroe County Medical Society and Suffolk County Medical Society
ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that our MSSNY will advocate for medical schools to have and make available on their website's information regarding reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.

RESOLVED, that MSSNY urge medical schools to develop specific plans to recruit, enroll, support, and retain qualified students with disabilities.

- 153 Improved Payment for and Prioritization of Mental Health Services
Introduced by MSSNY Committee on Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine and Bronx County Medical Society
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) support legislation or regulation to improve access to mental health and addiction services in New York State by increasing payments to providers by private insurers and Medicaid, including primary care clinicians such as internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, and gynecology.

RESOLVED, that MSSNY continue its advocacy efforts with the New York Legislature, the Governor's Office, and New York State Office of Mental Health to make access to mental health services a major public health priority.

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Patient Empowerment

Introduced by Bronx County Medical Society and Frank Dowling MD as an individual

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York support pilot projects in Bronx County, or other counties with historically poor health outcomes, for Patient Empowerment Initiatives with the objective to help eliminate disparities in health outcomes including higher morbidity and mortality from many diseases such as COVID-19, heart disease, cancers, lung disease, and maternal/infant mortality.

RESOLVED, that the Patient Empowerment Initiative include the creation of patient education and consent materials directed towards people with limited health literacy, including but not limited to individuals with low English or non-English proficiency, as well as people who may have vision, hearing, or other disabilities.

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Let the Medical Community Lead the Response

Introduced by Lance Austein, as an individual

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support the position that in times of a public health crisis the State Health Commissioner should seek input from community-based physicians to implement a scientific and medical response to the crisis.

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Ensuring Rapid Turnaround for Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests in Nursing Homes

Introduced by the Ninth District

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) support the necessity of a turnaround time of no more than 24 hours for Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT's) originating from nursing homes.

RESOLVED, That MSSNY advocate that nursing homes receive high prioritization in the allocation of Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT's) testing materials.

RESOLVED, That MSSNY advocate to the NYS and NYC Departments of Health that Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAAT's) originating from nursing homes should be resulted within 24 hours of their receipt by the certified laboratory.

- 157 Allocation of COVID 19 Therapeutics in Times of Shortages
Introduced by the Ninth District
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED
- RESOLVED, That MSSNY support high prioritization of nursing homes in the allocation of COVID-19 therapeutics.**
- 158 Prescribing Therapeutics in Times of Limited Supplies
Introduced by the Ninth District
REFERRED TO COUNCIL
- 159 Lower Premiums, Higher Premiums
Introduced by the NYS Academy of Family Physicians, Suffolk County Chapter
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED
- Resolved, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) support policy and seek legislation and regulation to enable health and life insurance plans to offer financial incentives to vaccine eligible individuals who do receive the COVID-19 vaccination.**
- TITLE CHANGE: INCENTIVE TO RECEIVE COVID-19 VACCINE**
- 160 Requirements for COVID 19 Vaccination at NY Public Schools
Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED
- RESOLVED, That New York State Delegation to the American Medical Association introduce a resolution at the AMA encouraging states to make COVID-19 vaccination a requirement for school attendance for children and college/university students once the FDA grants full approval for COVID-19 vaccination for all relevant age groups.**
- 161 Updating the NYS Childhood Vaccination Schedule
Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens
REAFFIRMATION OF MSSNY POLICY 260.884
- 162 Updating the NYS Vaccination Requirements for College/University Students
Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens
SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED
- RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York support a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students attending colleges and universities in New York State.**
- 163 Minors Consent to Vaccination
Introduced by the MSSNY Infectious Disease Committee
ADOPTED WITH TITLE CHANGE

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York seek legislation to allow all adolescents aged 12 or older to independently consent to any FDA approved vaccination without parental or guardian consent.

TITLE CHANGE: MINORS CONSENT TO VACCINATION

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Breast Cancer Screening/Clinical Breast Exam Coverage
Introduced by the Medical Society of the County of Queens
REFERRED TO MSSNY COUNCIL