

Report to MSSNY Council from Chair of AMA delegation

MSSNY Resolutions brought to AMA HOD 2024 Annual Meeting:

BOT Report 12 Medicare Payment Reform—The Key Issues Coalition extracted and amended this to strengthen it AND keep it highly visible. The amendments, which were crafted with significant input from New York, were

1). Call on the AMA to step up its public relations campaign to get more buy-in from the general public about the need for Medicare payment reform.

2) Call on the AMA to advocate for abolition of all MIPS penalties in light of the current inadequacies of Medicare payments.

3). Increase media awareness around the AMA Annual meeting about the need for Medicare Payment Reform

4). Increase awareness to all physicians about the efforts of our AMA on Medical Payment Reform

CCB 16 Guiding Principles for the Healthcare of Migrants (Lopresto)—initially referred to Council but extracted and adopted

CCB 17 Addressing the Historical Injustices of Anatomical Specimen Use—addressed the problems associated with the use of anatomical specimens, obtained without consent, at medical schools. This was largely accepted, with referral of a resolved clause that sought to establish guidelines for pilot studies of presumed consent or mandated choice

CCB 18 Opposing violence, terrorism, discrimination, and hate speech—developed at MSSNY HOD in response to discussions about war in Gaza. Adopted sans amendment

CCB 002 Removal of the Interim Meeting Resolution Committee (MSS, RFS)—not adopted

CCB 005 AMA Executive Vice President (Mississippi)—called for a by-laws change to eliminate the 3-year waiting period for an AMA officer or trustee to be considered for EVP—not adopted

CCB 23 FBI Must Investigate Change Healthcare Security Lapse (late)—no discussion, not adopt

CCB report 5: Establishment of a LGBTQ+ Section—passed

A 114 Breast Cancer Screening/Clinical Breast Exam Coverage—not adopted because of limited evidence to support clinical breast exams for average risk patients

A115 Payments by Medicare Secondary or Supplemental Plans—called for mandating that all health plans cover Medicare secondary claims regardless of the provider participating in the secondary health plan—adopted

B228 Waiver of Due Process Clauses (Missouri)—called for elimination of waiver of due process clauses from employment contracts—adopted

B238 AMA Supports Efforts to Fund Overdose Prevention Sites—adopted

B239 Requiring Stores That Sell Tobacco Products to Display the National Tollfree Quit Now Hotline (Lake Placid)—adopted

B BOT 13 Prohibiting Covenants Not to Compete—The BOT tried to balance the desire to have our AMA assist state societies to eliminate restrictive covenants imposed by health system/hospital employers while developing fair and reasonable strategies to protect the concerns of physician employers, which is consistent with MSSNY policy. The HOD voted to call for the elimination of ALL restrictive covenants

B210 Support for Physicians Pursuing Collective Bargaining and Unionization (Oregon)—adopt B BOT 15/202/246 Augmented Intelligence Development, Deployment, and Use in Health Care—sought to establish governing principles and policies for AI—referred for report at I-24

B240 Extending Visa Requirement Waivers for NY IMGs Working in Underserved Areas—Current Policy Reaffirmed in Lieu of this

B241 Healthcare Cybersecurity Breaches—Current Policy Reaffirmed in Lieu of this

C 317 Physician Participation in the Planning and Development of Accredited Continuing Education for Physicians (Malhotra)—not adopted surprisingly

D418 Early and Periodic Eye Exams for Adults (RFS)—recommended baseline eye exam for patients aged 40 and above—adopted

D423 HPV Vaccination to Protect Healthcare Workers Over Age 45 (Senior Physicians Section)—AMA will encourage the CDC to study the evidence for HPV vaccines for health care professionals

E512 Biotin Supplement Packaging Disclaimer—called for disclaimers to warn about interference of biotin supplements with lab tests—adopted

E513 Opioid Overdose Reversal Agents Where AED's are Located (Lake Placid)—initially recommended for reaffirmation, then extracted and adopted

F603 End Attacks of Health and Human Rights in Israel and Palestine (RFS)—amended by the RefCom into a much less confrontational and accusatory resolution, supporting peace in Israel and Palestine in order to protect the lives of civilians and healthcare workers

G712 Full Transparency-Explanation of Benefits—called for AMA to advocate that EOBs include the actual CPT codes billed, DRG codes, CPT descriptions, actual allowed amount, patient responsibilities, non-covered and denied amounts with specific X12 reason codes, criteria used in coverage and non-coverage, and descriptions of how to appeal and/or complain—adopted with minimal amendments

G713 Transparency-non-payment for Services to Patients with ACA Exchange Plans with Unpaid Premiums

Respectfully submitted,
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