

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FINAL REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on May 1, 2022.

ADOPTED

BOT Report 1-22 - Follow up to Resolutions from 2021 Fall House of Delegates Meeting (Information)

CC Report 1-22 - Report regarding the Creation of a Patient Advocacy Network (Information)

Resolution 1-22 - Establishing an IDEA Committee and Council

Resolution 1-22 was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That MedChi establish a permanent Inclusion, Diversity, Empowerment, and Advocacy (IDEA) Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That MedChi's Bylaws Council be asked to propose an amendment to the bylaws to establish an Inclusion, Diversity, Empowerment and Advocacy (IDEA) Council with the rights, privileges, and obligations of MedChi's existing councils.

Resolution 2-22 - Organ Donation Education in Medical School Curricula

Resolution 2-22 was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that MedChi ask the American Medical Association to study changes to curriculum for medical schools to include information on organ donation and registration, including but not limited to information on organ donation, myths and misconceptions, how and where to register, and how to facilitate discussions on organ donation-

Resolution 3-22 – Removing Criminalization of HIV Transmission Statute from Maryland Code of Health

Resolution 3-22 was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that MedChi adopt AMA policy H-20.914 as follows:

Our AMA:

(1) Remains cognizant of and concerned about society's perception of, and discrimination against, HIV-positive people;

(2) Condemns any act, and opposes any legislation of categorical discrimination based on an individual's actual or imagined disease, including HIV infection; this includes Congressional mandates calling for the discharge of otherwise qualified individuals from the armed services solely

because of their HIV seropositivity;

(3) Encourages vigorous enforcement of existing anti-discrimination statutes; incorporation of HIV in future federal legislation that addresses discrimination; and enactment and enforcement of state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations to penalize those who illegally discriminate against persons based on disease;

(4) Encourages medical staff to work closely with hospital administration and governing bodies to establish appropriate policies regarding HIV-positive patients;

(5) Supports consistency of federal and/or state laws with current medical and scientific knowledge including avoidance of any imposition of punishment based on health and disability status;

(6) Encourages public education and understanding of the stigma created by HIV criminalization statutes and subsequent negative clinical and public health consequences; and

(7) will: (a) advocate for repeal of legislation that criminalizes non-disclosure of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) status for people living with HIV; and (b) work with other stakeholders to develop a program whose primary goal is to destigmatize HIV infection through educating the public, physicians, and other health care professionals on current medical advances in HIV treatment that minimize the risk of transmission due to viral load suppression and the availability of PrEP.

Resolution 4-22 – Expanding Maryland Medicaid Coverage of Gender-Affirming Care

Resolution 4-22 was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that MedChi supports the expansion of Maryland coverage of gender-affirming care to meet current standards of care; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi supports equitable access to high quality care for all transgender residents of Maryland.

Resolution 5-22 – Strengthening Patient Privacy in Maryland

Resolution 5-22 was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that MedChi will encourage research into evidence-based practices to update guidelines protecting patient health information; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi ask the AMA to study the modern threats to patient privacy, especially in the context of augmented intelligence, and generate recommendations to guide AMA advocacy in this area for the betterment of patient rights.

Resolution 6-22 – Physician Interventions Addressing Environmental Health and Justice

Resolution 6-22 was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, that MedChi adopt AMA policy H-135.938 as follows:

Our AMA:

1. Supports the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's fourth assessment report and concurs with the scientific consensus that the Earth is undergoing adverse global climate change and that anthropogenic contributions are significant. These climate changes will

create conditions that affect public health, with disproportionate impacts on vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and the poor.

2. Supports educating the medical community on the potential adverse public health effects of global climate change and incorporating the health implications of climate change into the spectrum of medical education, including topics such as population displacement, heat waves and drought, flooding, infectious and vector-borne diseases, and potable water supplies.
3. (a) Recognizes the importance of physician involvement in policymaking at the state, national, and global level and supports efforts to search for novel, comprehensive, and economically sensitive approaches to mitigating climate change to protect the health of the public; and (b) recognizes that whatever the etiology of global climate change, policymakers should work to reduce human contributions to such changes.
4. Encourages physicians to assist in educating patients and the public on environmentally sustainable practices, and to serve as role models for promoting environmental sustainability.
5. Encourages physicians to work with local and state health departments to strengthen the public health infrastructure to ensure that the global health effects of climate change can be anticipated and responded to more efficiently, and that the AMA's Center for Public Health Preparedness and Disaster Response assist in this effort.
6. Supports epidemiological, translational, clinical and basic science research necessary for evidence-based global climate change policy decisions related to health care and treatment; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi ask the AMA to add to current policy H-135.938 that the AMA encourages physicians to assess for environmental determinants of health in patient history-taking, such as environmental exacerbations of chronic disease, proximity to potentially harmful infrastructure such as fossil fuel plants, incinerators, and landfills, and contaminant exposures in patients' households and built environment; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi ask the AMA to promote the incorporation of assessment for environmental determinants of health in patient history-taking into physician training; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi will continue to support policy furthering environmental justice in the Maryland State legislature when appropriate.

REFERRED

Resolution 7-22 - Reducing Vacant Housing in Baltimore

Resolution 8-22 - Eliminating Co-pays, Deductibles, and Coinsurance for the Treatment of Breast Cancer