



Council on Medical Service Bylaws

Functions

To study and evaluate the social and economic aspects of health care; and, on behalf of the public and the profession, to recommend relevant policy changes to improve health care delivery in a changing socioeconomic environment;

To investigate social and economic factors influencing the practice of medicine;

To confer with state associations, component societies and national medical specialty societies regarding changing conditions and anticipated proposals that would affect medical care; and

To assist medical service committees established by state associations, component societies, and the national medical specialty societies.

Membership

Twelve active members of the AMA, one of whom shall be a resident/fellow physician, and one of whom shall be a medical student.

Nomination and Election

Members of the Council, except the medical student member, shall be elected by the House of Delegates. Nominations shall be made by the Board of Trustees and may also be made from the floor by a member of the House of Delegates.

Medical Student Member. The medical student member of the Council shall be appointed by the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees.

Term

Members other than the Resident/Fellow Physician Member and Medical Student Member. Members of the Council other than the resident/fellow physician and medical student member shall be elected for terms of 4 years.

Resident/Fellow Physician Member. The resident/fellow physician member of the Council shall be elected for a term of 3 years. If the resident/fellow physician member ceases to be a resident/fellow physician at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the service of such resident/fellow physician member on the Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant.

Medical Student Member. The medical student member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of one year. If the medical student member ceases to be enrolled in an educational program at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the service of such

medical student member on the Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant.

Tenure

Members of the Council may serve no more than 8 years. The limitation on tenure shall take priority over a term length for which the member was elected.

Vacancies

Members other than the Resident/Fellow Physician and Medical Student Member. Any vacancy among the members of the Council other than the resident/fellow physician and medical student member shall be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates. The successor shall be elected by the House of Delegates for a 4-year term.

Resident/Fellow Physician Member. If the resident/fellow physician member of the Council ceases to complete the term for which elected, the remainder of the term shall be deemed to have expired. The successor shall be elected by the House of Delegates for a 3-year term.

Commencement of Term. Members of Councils who are elected by the House of Delegates shall assume office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

Term of Resident/Fellow Physician or Medical Student Member. A resident/fellow physician or medical student member of a Council who completes residency or fellowship or who graduates from an educational program within 90 days prior to an Annual Meeting shall be permitted to serve on the Council until the completion of the Annual Meeting. Service on a Council as a resident/fellow physician and/or medical student member shall not be counted in determining maximum Council tenure.

(Source: Constitution and Bylaws of the American Medical Association, January 2012 revision)