

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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RESOLUTION: B11**

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Principles Regarding Premedical Education

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS AMSA believes in the development of a diverse physician workforce that meets the
2 needs of the population, as well as a holistic vision of health; and
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4 WHEREAS courses outside of traditional premedical classes can help with the development of
5 premedical students into medical students who understand the larger social context and can
6 deliver more humanistic care; and
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8 WHEREAS the field of psychology is aimed towards understanding human behavior, which can
9 help students understand themselves and their future patients, as well as destigmatize mental
10 health care; and
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12 WHEREAS the importance of psychology has been recognized by its inclusion in the 2015
13 MCAT revision; and
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15 WHEREAS psychology at the premedical level is not currently mentioned in the PPP;
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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Premedical Education (p.
18 118) be AMENDED BY ADDITION to state:
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20 The American Medical Student Association:

21 4. SUPPORTS the exposure of premedical students to course work in humanistic and evidence-
22 based studies including, but not limited to, **psychology**, sociology, philosophy, ethics and
23 statistics.

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FISCAL NOTE: None

27 REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE B
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29 **DISCUSSION**

30 **BOT:** Adopt as written.

31 **BRD:** Adopt as written

32 **PRD:** Adopt as written

33 **IRD:** Adopt as written.

34 **ACTE:** Adopt as written.

35 **International Caucus:** None.

36 **Premedical Caucus:** None.

37 **Resident Caucus:** None.

38 **Other Groups:** None.

39 **Other Discussion:** None.

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41 **SYNTHESIS OF DISCUSSION**

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43 No discussion of con vs pro offered.

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45 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

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47 Psychology is an important, if not vital, subject that is implemented more progressively in
48 medicine today and should be accounted for in medical curricula. i.e. Behavioral sciences was
49 recently adopted into the MCAT in 2015.

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51 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

52 Adopt as written