

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017
RESOLUTION: B13**

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SCHOOL: SUNY Downstate College of Medicine; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Baylor College of Medicine

SUBJECT: Principles Regarding Health Equity

TYPE: Resolution of Principles

WHEREAS some of the language under Principles Regarding Health Disparities does not belong there and fits better under Principles Regarding Health Equity

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles Regarding Health Equity (p. 152-154) be AMENDED to state:

The American Medical Student Association:

2. REGARDING Health Care Workforce Access and Training

a. BELIEVES all health care providers should be adequately trained **and equipped with strategies to engage in lifelong learning to** competently address the needs of diverse and traditionally marginalized communities.

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3. REGARDING Social Determinants of Health

a. RECOGNIZES that poverty and **systemic** socioeconomic inequality are major causes of ~~chronic~~ diseases in both the U.S. and abroad.

FISCAL NOTE: None

REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE B

DISCUSSION

BOT: Adopt as written.

BRD: Adopt as written

PRD: Adopt as written

28 **IRD:** Adopt as written.

29 **ACTE:** Adopt as written.

30 **International Caucus:** None.

31 **Premedical Caucus:** None.

32 **Resident Caucus:** None.

33 **Other Groups:** Representative from Northeast Ohio Medical University rejects the
34 proposition and states the amended phrase “and equipped with strategies to engage in
35 lifelong learning” is not necessary and the language previously stipulated best provides
36 clarity of training. Also rejects further changes, chronic diseases is what public health
37 primarily addresses (diabetes, asthma, hypertension and hyperlipidemia). Representative
38 from Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine states that previous
39 form is sufficient language to describe health care workforce and training competency to
40 cultural diversity.

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42 **Other Discussion:** None.

43 44 **SYNTHESIS OF DISCUSSION**

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46 Two representatives from NEO and UAG reject to amend the phrase “and equipped with
47 strategies to engage in lifelong learning to”
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49 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

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51 Health care workforce and training competency to cultural diversity is best expressed
52 prior to the proposed resolution. The committee considers that the previous language
53 used is adequate and appropriate. The amended word systemic to socioeconomic status
54 restricts our ability to comment on singular incidences based on bias or discrimination.
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56 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

57 Reject as written.