

RESOLUTION 08.2021-07 (A-22)
HEALTH CARE REFORM BY MEANS OF STATE LEGISLATIVE
AND EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY AND ACTION

ISMS Board Action Taken on 02/05/2022

Adopted Substitute Resolution 08.2021-07 (A-22) in lieu of Resolution 08.2021-07 (A-22), as recommended by the Council on Economics.

Council on Economics Recommendation to ISMS Board on 02/05/2022

The resolution directs the Board of Trustees to create an Ad Hoc Committee that would review policies and design health care legislation to be considered by the Illinois General Assembly and directs that the Committee's focus be to address major factors which lead to inefficiencies and excess costs. The resolution additionally directs that the Ad Hoc Committee consult with industry stakeholders and innovative economists as deemed appropriate, in order to develop strategies to address current system inefficiencies, control costs and preserve health care quality, availability and choice.

The resolution's author made an impassioned presentation on the need for state-level health system reform that focuses on improved quality, greater efficiency, and lower costs through competition, tax equity of health insurance, and a greater reliance on health savings accounts. The Council discussed the merits of the author's positions on health care reform, and while supportive of the concept of exploring such reform at the state level, felt that any such effort would benefit from greater input from the society's membership, and a review of and possible updates to ISMS' existing *Principles on Health Care System Reform*. Additionally, the Council felt that the Board should have more flexibility in how to move such an effort forward in our current and expected legislative environment. The Council, thus, recommends substitute resolution.

The Council on Economics recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Substitute Resolution 08.2021-07 (A-22), in lieu of Resolution 08.2021-07 (A-22):

RESOLVED, that the ISMS direct our Board of Trustees to use necessary means to assess the concerns of our physicians with regard to access to care, quality, equity and cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Board of Trustees, based on this assessment, update the existing ISMS *Health Care System Reform Principles*, adopted in 2007 and most recently reaffirmed in 2017, to be a roadmap to pursue Healthcare Reform at the State level, and that the Board report back to the membership on its findings and any changes to the *Principles*.