

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
House of Delegates

Resolution 2020 – 108

Introduced by: The Suffolk County Medical Society

Subject: Access to Medication

Referred to: Reference Committee on Governmental Affairs B

1 Whereas, The Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) current policy is to "...further
2 advocate for patients to have a choice of receiving maintenance prescriptions from either a mail
3 order pharmacy or a brick-and-mortar pharmacy without any financial penalty" ; and
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5 Whereas, Current MSSNY policy is that "...Insurance plans should be required to fill
6 prescriptions as written up to a 90 day supply for all maintenance medications at a pharmacy or
7 by mail order"; and
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9 Whereas, Current MSSNY policy is to "...work with the pharmacists of New York and their
10 Professional Organizations to maintain the option of patients to have their prescriptions
11 dispensed at a local pharmacy ..."; and
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13 Whereas, when a patient's prescription is initially placed by mail order, the medication cannot
14 also be dispensed by the local pharmacy resulting in a delay (from re-order) causing many
15 patients to interrupt or delay the prescribed treatment; therefore, be it
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17 RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) seek regulations that
18 prohibit pharmacy benefit plans from limiting patient access to medications based on an initial
19 prescription placed for mail-order; and be it further
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21 RESOLVED, That MSSNY seek regulations that require pharmacies to offer patients access to
22 their prescribed medications without undue delay; and be it further
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24 RESOLVED, That MSSNY seek support of the American Medical Association to form
25 regulations on a national level that prohibit pharmacy benefit plans from limiting patient access
26 to medications based on an initial prescription placed for mail-order.
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Existing MSSNY Policy:

70.936 High Drug Prices and Pharmacy Parity

The Medical Society of the State of New York will urge legislation prohibiting pharmacies from charging higher prices (from pharmacy benefit managers or insurance plans) than the actual pharmacy price of the medication. MSSNY will further advocate for patients to have a choice of receiving maintenance prescriptions from either a mail order pharmacy or a brick-and-mortar pharmacy without any financial penalty. (HOD 2018-102 and 105)

70.949: Insurance Coverage For A 90 Day Supply Of Maintenance Medications

Insurance plans should be required to fill prescriptions as written up to a 90 day supply for all maintenance medications at a pharmacy or by mail order. (HOD 2013-155)

70.953 Inappropriate Export of Pharmaceutical Services:

MSSNY will work with the pharmacists of New York and their Professional Organizations to maintain the option of patients to have their prescriptions dispensed at a local pharmacy and be counseled face-to-face by their pharmacist. (HOD 2011-21)

Report of the Reference Committee on Governmental Affairs – B – Speaker Extraction

1. RESOLUTION 108 ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS

Original Resolution 108 reads as follows:

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RESOLVED, That MSSNY seek regulations that require pharmacies to offer patients access to their prescribed medications without undue delay; and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY seek support of the American Medical Association to form regulations on a national level that prohibit pharmacy benefit plans from limiting patient access to medications based on an initial prescription placed for mail-order.

RECOMMENDATION A:

THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT RESOLUTION 108 BE ADOPTED

MSSNY's existing policy on access to medications include the following:

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Adding Resolution 108 to existing MSSNY policy will enable the organization to address a new issue related to access to medications.

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Agree with ref com recommendation to adopt Resolution 108