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# NYACP Health Disparities Fellow Program

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### **Statement of Commitment**

The New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians (NYACP) is committed to mitigating the impact of heath disparities in our communities and eager to collaborate with the State University of New York at Albany, Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities through the NYACP Health Disparities Fellow Program.

## **Program Description:**

The NYACP Health Disparities Fellow Program is, first and foremost, an educational program designed to introduce graduate students to the various ways in which state health policy issues impact the practice of medicine and, by extension, health disparities for New York patients. Fellows will be introduced to policy issues identified by the American College of Physicians and NYACP through online resources, participation in meetings, attendance at events and other immersion opportunities. At this time, participation in all interactions (for Fellows and NYACP staff) is virtual. Following a period of overview and orientation, Fellows will be asked to select an issue that is important to them to focus on throughout the duration of the semester. Fellows will learn how to research state policies that impact their area of interest, and how to find federal policy guidance impacting state policy decision-making. Ideally, at the conclusion of the program, fellows will present a white paper describing their policy interest, applicable state and federal policy impacting the issue, brief summary of literature on the topic, and recommendations for NYACP policy development consideration.

Since March 2020, the NYACP staff works fully remote. Fellows will likewise work remotely and interact with NYACP via online platforms such as Zoom and WebEx. There is no travel requirement to participate in the NYACP Health Disparities Fellow Program. All fellows must meet virtually with program administrators at least once per week and participate in virtual meetings with the NYACP staff as needed.

Below is a sample list of the types of activities NYACP is conducting during the period August - December 2020:

- Daily Staff Huddle
- Staff Meetings
- Executive Committee Meetings for Leadership
- Council-Board Meeting to for District Representatives
- Committee Activity
  - Health and Public Policy
  - Health Information Technology
  - Geriatrics
  - Volunteerism
  - Education
  - Early Career Physicians
  - Medical Students
  - Residents
  - Membership
- Meetings with NYS Legislators
- Meeting with NYS Department of Health
- Coordination of NYACP Activity with National Association

## **NYACP Information**

NYACP is New York State's largest medical specialty organization representing over 12,000 internal medicine physicians. NYACP is dedicated to advancing the specialty of internal medicine and improving patient care in NY through education, advocacy, and quality improvement. NYACP is a chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP), which is the largest medical specialty organization and second largest physician group in the US. Its membership of 143,000 includes internists, internal medicine subspecialists, residents, fellows and medical students. More information about NYACP and ACP may be found at: <a href="https://www.nyacp.org">www.nyacp.org</a> and <a href="https://www.nyacp.org">www.acponline.org</a>.