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Resolution Title: Discharge Summaries from Skilled Nursing Facilities

Whereas, it is well known that when patients transition between different settings, ie community to hospital, hospital to skilled nursing facility (SNF), and SNF to community, quality of care and patient safety can be compromised due to high rates of medication errors, incomplete/inaccurate information transfer, and lack of followup care (1,2,3,4,5,6), and

Whereas, there are published recommendations for optimization of transitions of care including a 2016 best practice consensus from SGIM-AMDA-AGS (7) which includes a recommendation that SNFs transmit a formal discharge summary to the patient's outpatient PCP within 72 hours of patient discharge from SNF, and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a policy regulation (8) in 2017 requiring SNFs to create a discharge summary that includes but is not limited to a recapitulation of the resident's stay that includes, but is not limited to, diagnoses, course of illness/treatment or therapy, and pertinent lab, radiology, and consultation results, to improve followup care, and

Whereas, the State of New York has also adopted this CMS regulation (9), be it

Resolved, that NYACP educate their members as to CMS Policy (8) and NYS Policy (9) regarding SNF's responsibility to create and timely deliver a comprehensive patient discharge summary to a patient's outpatient primary care physician (PCP), and be it

Resolved, that NYACP advocate that NYS enforce its own policy regulation (9) regarding SNF's responsibility to create and timely deliver a comprehensive patient discharge summary to a patient's outpatient primary care physician (PCP).

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Resolution Title: Support for New York State Insurance Fund Climate Action Premium Credit Program

WHEREAS, the American College of Physicians (ACP) published a Position Paper in the Annals of Internal Medicine in October 2022 titled “Environmental Health: A Position Paper from the American College of Physicians” in which “ACP recognizes that human and planetary health are interconnected, and that climate change is a global human and environmental health crisis. ACP calls for immediate action to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels” and “ACP supports efforts to reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution and affirms support for the Clean Air Act. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should set robust air quality standards for ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and other pollutants to protect public health and welfare”¹; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians’ (NYACP) Climate Change Task Force is “The Climate Change Task Force is charged with assessing and reviewing the availability and quality of climate change education and advocacy resources, with a focus on those provided by ACP. In addition, the Climate Change Task Force aims to propose and orchestrate educational and advocacy initiatives”²; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) has become a leader in the space of Climate Change and Healthcare Facilities in New York State with its Climate Action Premium Credit Program initially introduced in May 2024, which requires hospital systems to be a NYSIF policy-holder, and offers an upfront credit of 5% on workers compensation premiums up to \$1 million per policy when hospital systems submit a climate action plan³; and

WHEREAS, since NYSIF initially met with the NYACP CCTF in May 2024, their program has had success and expanded, securing eight hospital systems, encompassing 28 facilities, which have taken their pledge. The program has expanded now to include nursing homes, ambulatory surgery centers, dialysis centers, community health centers, rural health clinics, office-based surgery practices and supply chain manufacturers / distributors⁴; and

WHEREAS, the NYSIF Climate Action Premium Credit Program is supported by Governor Hochul as part of her “Insurance as a Catalyst for Climate Action” program⁵; and

WHEREAS, the NYACP CCTF has taken interest in efforts to reduce the CO2 footprint of the healthcare industry in NY State, particularly as one of the largest offenders, anesthesia gas, which accounts for 3% of the carbon footprint of the entire healthcare sector, and 63% of the carbon footprint of surgical care^{6, 7}; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYACP support the New York State Insurance Fund Climate Action Premium Credit Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYACP partner with relevant parties to share resources from the NYSIF Climate Action Premium Credit Program.

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