

Committee: University at Buffalo Chapter of Student Societies of Health-system Pharmacists/Western New York Society of Health-system Pharmacists

Topic: Improved Access to Basic Healthcare, Through Pharmacists, In Medically Underserved Regions of the United States

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Improved Access to Healthcare in Medically Underserved Areas

Whereas, About twelve percent of Americans lack a usual place to go for healthcare and about five percent failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost in 2017¹, and,

Whereas, It has been estimated that there will be a large shortage of physicians by the end of the next decade², and,

Whereas, Pharmacists are trained to provide basic healthcare screenings, testing, immunizations and medical advice, and,

Whereas, Pharmacists can relieve the shortage of physicians and provide basic healthcare screenings, testing, immunizations, and medical advice to underprivileged areas

Resolved That: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the expansion of basic healthcare access in medically underserved regions of the United States through utilization of pharmacists.

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Source(s)

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2. "New Research Shows Increasing Physician Shortages in Both Primary and Specialty Care." *AAMCNews*, 11 Apr. 2018, news.aamc.org/press-releases/article/workforce_report_shortage_04112018/.

