

**New Hampshire Medical Society
Policy & Resolution Sunsetting**

Purpose:

The Purpose of this Policy & Resolution Sunsetting policy is to provide a mechanism for review and evaluation of policies, positions, statements and resolutions ["Policy/Policies"] adopted by the New Hampshire Medical Society Council.

Numerous issues face the physician community, many of which are worthy of an official position or response. The New Hampshire Medical Society ["NHMS"] Council, through the NHMS bylaws, is charged with formulating Policy for the Medical Society.

Policy:

Unless otherwise specifically stated in said Policy, a sunset mechanism with a five-year (5-year) time horizon shall exist for all NHMS Policies established by the NHMS Council. Each adopted resolve or recommendation within a Policy shall be considered individually with regard to the sunsetting process. Under the sunset mechanism, a policy will cease to be viable unless action is taken by the Council to re-establish said Policy.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in said Policy, any action of the Council that reaffirms an existing Policy shall reset the sunset "clock," making the reaffirmed Policy viable for five (5) years from the date of its reaffirmation. Any action of the Council that modifies an existing Policy shall reset the sunset clock, making the consolidated or modified Policy viable for five (5) years from the date of its adoption.

Directives adopted by the Council that contain time-limited specifics; establish task forces, committees or other special or ad hoc entities; and directives to amend the NHMS bylaws shall not be subject to the five-year (5-year) sunset mechanism and shall sunset automatically at the completion of the directive or document update.

Process for Review:

Under the direction of the NHMS Council, the NHMS Secretary, working with the NHMS Executive Vice President, is charged with reviewing Policies due for sunset review.

The Secretary may ask the Council to assign such Policies to the appropriate committee(s) for review and/or recommendation to the Council on whether to reaffirm, sunset, reaffirm for one year or amend said Policies.

The Secretary shall prepare a report recommending Policy reaffirmation, Policy sunset and Policy amendment to the Council for consideration.

A consent calendar format shall be used by the Council in considering the Policies contained in the report.

Policies That Require New Policy Recommendations:

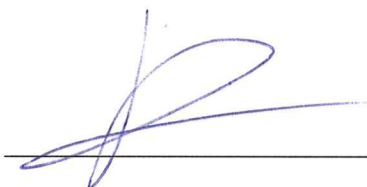
If it is determined by the Secretary and/or the reviewing committee(s) that a Policy requires a completely new policy recommendation, a new policy recommendation should be submitted to the Council. Upon submission and adoption of a new policy recommendation, the old Policy will automatically be sunset. If the new Policy recommendation is not adopted; the old Policy will automatically be sunset.

Adopted by the NHMS Council this 10th day of April, 2013.

Sunset Date: None

Signed:

Signature:



Name:

P. Travis Harker, MD, MPH

Title:

President

Date:

April 15, 2013