

Ryan Jannoud and Eileen (last name?) of UNLV's Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, who were present during Ted Hartwell's classroom lecture on gambling and video game disorder in fall 2024 and later participated in the Nevada Leads town hall in Las Vegas, were responsible for crafting the following language **that was adopted** in the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA) policy compendium:

RESOLVED, OUR NSMA SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT STRENGTHEN PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS PROBLEM GAMBLING.

RESOLVED, OUR NSMA SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENSURE NEVADA MEDICAL STUDENTS RECEIVE EDUCATION ON PROBLEM GAMBLING.

RESOLVED, OUR NSMA SUPPORT EFFORTS TO UPDATE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PREVALENCE STUDIES REGARDING GAMBLING DISORDER.

As a result, on November 13, the following language that was crafted by the Committee on Public Health (CPH) of the American Medical Association (AMA) Medical Student Section was adopted, and the resolution will be presented for adoption at the AMA House of Delegates in [June 2026](#)

Your Committee on Public Health (CPH) recommends that the following recommendations be adopted in lieu of Resolution 423 and the remainder of this report be filed:

1. RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association support efforts to establish federal consumer protections for online gambling, including sports betting and daily fantasy sports, to reduce harms associated with gambling disorder and other related behaviors.
2. RESOLVED, That our AMA support epidemiological research to characterize the health impacts of online gambling, including sports betting and daily fantasy sports, with particular attention to adolescents, young adults, and other vulnerable populations.

Finally, Ryan provided some language from the conclusion of a report written by the AMA-Medical Student Section on the adoption of their resolution:

CONCLUSION

Based on our comprehensive review of the evidence and current public health landscape, we find that online sports betting and daily fantasy sports are rapidly expanding sources of potential harm, particularly for adolescents, young adults, and other vulnerable populations. Aggressive advertising, widespread legalization, and easy access through mobile platforms have fueled unprecedented engagement, increasing risks for progression to gambling disorder, mental health consequences, and financial and social harms

The patchwork of state regulations, combined with the lack of federally standardized consumer protections and national research, undermines public health efforts. Supporting federal initiatives such as the SAFE Bet Act, implementing evidence-based consumer safeguards, and conducting robust epidemiological research will enable the AMA to guide effective interventions, characterize the scope of online gambling-related harms, and protect populations newly exposed to these risks. These actions are essential to uphold the AMA's leadership in safeguarding public health and addressing emerging threats from modern gambling behaviors.