

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS
POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

POLICY TITLE:	Adoption of Legislative Positions and Papers
CLASSIFICATION:	Legislative
POLICY NUMBER:	09-05-L
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR:	Legislative
MOTION:	Jamie Scholl
SECONDED:	Colleen Pruitt
DATE SUBMITTED (INITIAL):	June 15, 2009
DATE APPROVED:	June 15, 2009
APPROVED BY:	Board of Trustees
AMENDED:	
SUNSET DATE:	2012

PURPOSE: To ensure that NAHU's legislative positions and papers are adopted through a process that gives the membership adequate input while insuring that the positions are relevant and appropriate to the legislative process and in support of the Association's Mission and Vision Statements.

POLICY: Prior to adoption, the membership and officers of the Association should be given the opportunity to comment on NAHU's legislative positions and papers.

PROCEDURES: NAHU's Legislative Council, Board of Trustees, or any member of either group may propose legislative positions or papers as are warranted by the state of our business and political considerations. These proposals shall be submitted to the Chair of the Legislative Council, who shall present the position to the Council. The author of the proposal will be allowed to present the argument for the position to the council. After adequate time for the Council's consideration, but no less than five business days (except as provided below in emergencies) the Council will vote regarding recommending the proposal to the Board of Trustees. If approved, the Chair will forward the proposal to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and, at the next opportunity, will move for the preliminary approval of the proposal by the Board. If approved, the proposal will be communicated, through the methods normally in use at the time, to the Presidents and Legislative Chairs of each Chapter of the Association. After a period of time allowed for comment by the chapters, and through them, the members, but no less than 30 days (except as provided below in emergencies), the Board of Trustees will be provided the comments of the membership and, at their next opportunity, will vote on the adoption of the proposal. When adopted, the position or paper will again be communicated to the membership through the chapters.

Emergency Consideration:

In the case of the recommendation of a position or paper that is considered an emergency by a majority vote of the Legislative Management Team, the process above may be expedited by limiting the time for consideration by each of the above groups. The Legislative Management Team, at its discretion, may act through a majority vote to approve the use of a position or paper by the members and staff during the expedited time the position or paper is being considered by the above groups.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None