

**Council on Government Affairs  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
January 20-21, 2022**

The Council on Government Affairs (CGA) met virtually on January 20-21, 2022. The following is a summary of the major actions taken by the Council:

1. The Council voted to approve its 2023 meeting dates: January 19-21 and July 20-22.
2. The Council voted to approve the public insurance programs workgroup charge statement.
3. The Council voted on the recommendations of the policy review workgroup. The Council adopted motions to retain 11 policies, rescind one policy, and amend two policies, pending review by the other Councils with secondary jurisdiction.
4. The Council voted to approve the military workgroup charge statement.
5. The Council voted to approve the labor issues workgroup charge statement. The Council also voted to approve a resolution requesting that the Board of Trustees develop a task force on workforce issues that would include CGA and the Council on Dental Practice (CDP).
6. The Council voted to approve the in-office dental plans workgroup charge statement.
7. The Council voted to approve a resolution in support of the Tax Free Education Act. The Council also voted to approve a resolution stating that the ADA is doing its diligence on student loan issues from a regulatory standpoint and that CGA supports the positions expressed in the report of the ADA Task Force to Study Innovations for Alternate Student Loan Repayment Strategies.

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**The Council will meet on July 21-23, 2022.**