Source: <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/a22-refcmte-d-report-annotated.pdf> 6/20/2022

<https://pennpirg.org/blogs/blog/usp/update-american-medical-association-recognizes-health-dangers-gas-stoves> 6/19/2022 The [American Medical Association declared gas cooking a health threat](https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/a22-refcmte-d-report-annotated.pdf) and advocated for increased ventilation as well as a transition away from gas stoves!

The following is a preliminary report of actions taken by the House of Delegates at its
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House of Delegates reflect official policy of the Association.
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES (A-22)
Report of Reference Committee D
Ankush K. Bansal, MD, Chair
Your reference committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

**RESOLUTION 438 – INFORMING PHYSICIANS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND THE PUBLIC OF THE HEALTH DANGERS OF FOSSIL-FUEL DERIVED HYDROGEN**

RECOMMENDATION: Resolution 438 be adopted. HOD ACTION: Resolution 438 adopted.

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association recognize the health, safety, and climate risks of current methods of producing fossil fuel-derived hydrogen and the dangers of adding hydrogen to natural gas (HP) (New HOD Policy); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA educate its members, and, to the extent possible, health care professionals and the public, about the health, safety, and climate risks of current methods of producing fossil fuel-derived hydrogen and the dangers of adding hydrogen to natural gas (Directive to Take Action); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate to appropriate government agencies such as the EPA and the Department of Energy, and federal legislative bodies, regarding the health, safety and climate risks of current methods of producing fossil fuel derived hydrogen and the dangers of adding hydrogen to natural gas. (Directive to Take Action)

Testimony presented on this resolution was limited, but supportive, noting that although the use of hydrogen is a proposed method to reduce carbon emissions, much of the currently available hydrogen is derived from fossil fuels, which contributes to climate change. It was also noted that the use of hydrogen technologies directly contributes to climate change by increasing methane leakage due to increased pipeline corrosion. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends adoption.

**RESOLUTION 439 – INFORMING PHYSICIANS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND THE PUBLIC THAT COOKING WITH A GAS STOVE INCREASES HOUSEHOLD AIR POLLUTION AND THE RISK OF CHILDHOOD ASTHMA**

RECOMMENDATION:Resolution 439 be adopted. HOD ACTION: Resolution 439 adopted.
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association recognize the association between the use of gas stoves, indoor nitrogen dioxide levels and asthma (New HOD Policy); and be it
further RESOLVED, That our AMA inform its members and, to the extent possible, health care providers, the public, and relevant organizations that use of a gas stove increases household air pollution and the risk of childhood asthma and asthma severity; which can be mitigated by reducing the use of the gas cooking stove, using adequate ventilation, and/or using an appropriate air filter (Directive to Take Action); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for innovative programs to assist with mitigation of cost to encourage the transition from gas stoves to electric stoves in an equitable manner.
(Directive to Take Action) Reference Committee D (A-22)

Testimony presented was supportive of Resolution 439, noting the increases in nitrogen oxides in household air due to the use of gas stoves are well documented as is increased asthma among children living in the home. It was also noted that asthma disproportionately burdens communities of color and economically disadvantaged populations. Some concerns were raised about the power grid in some communities not being able to support a move to electric appliances. Your Reference Committee notes that this resolution does not mandate a transition to electric stoves, but calls for advocacy for innovative programs to assist with mitigation to encourage the transition from gas stoves to electric stoves. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends adoption