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OF

Physicians for a National Health Program NY Metro Chapter, Inc. (the
"Corporation")

ARTICLE I

MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE; OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Corporation shall be identical to that of the national organization, Physicians for a National Health Program, Inc. (the "National Organization"). The Corporation shall (a) promote universal access to health care with no financial barriers to care; (b) promote discussion about health policy reform; and (c) engage in other charitable and educational tax-exempt activities within the scope of objectives of the National Organization.

The Corporation shall act exclusively as a charitable, educational and scientific research and public education organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal tax code and shall operate within activity supervision and reporting guidelines of the National Organization as contained in the National Organization's corporate articles of organization, bylaws and any affiliation agreement between the Corporation and the National Organization.

ARTICLE III

OFFICES

The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the County of New York, State of New York. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors (the "Board") may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers and Duties. The Board shall be the decision-making body for the Corporation and shall have general power to control and manage the affairs and property of the Corporation subject to applicable law and in accordance with the purposes and limitations set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation and herein.

- (a) The Board may:
 - (i) Appoint and discharge advisors and consultants who have skills necessary or helpful to the Corporation.
 - (ii) Employ and discharge persons for the furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.
 - (iii) Exercise all other powers necessary to manage the affairs and further the purposes of the Corporation in conformity with the Certificate of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

- (b) The Board shall:
 - (i) Make decisions regarding policy, finances and other related decisions requiring action of the Corporation.
 - (ii) Direct the Treasurer to present at the annual meeting of the Board the Annual Report in accordance with Article V, Section 10.
 - (iii) Appoint all Officers for the Corporation in accordance with Article V.
 - (iv) and approve the members of any committee appointed by the Executive Director in accordance with Article VI.

Section 2. Number. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be not less than seven with no maximum number. Subject to such minimum, the number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, by resolution of the Board, but such action by the Board shall require a vote of a majority of the entire Board and no decrease shall shorten the term of any incumbent Director. As used in these Bylaws, the "entire Board" shall consist of the number of directors that were elected or appointed as of the most recently held election of directors.

Section 3. Election and Term of Office. The initial Directors shall be the persons set forth in Exhibit A hereto and shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Board. Each Director shall hold office for a one year term; provided, however, that any Director elected to fill an unexpired term (whether resulting from the death, resignation or removal or created by an increase in the number of Directors) shall hold office until the next annual meeting at which the election of Directors is in the regular order of business and until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified. Directors may be elected to any number of consecutive terms. To become a Director, a person shall be elected by a majority of the Board.

Section 4. Qualification for Directors. Each Director shall be at least 18 years of age.

Section 5. Removal. Any Director may be removed at any time for cause by a vote of Directors then in office at a regular meeting or special meeting of the Board called for that purpose; provided that there is a quorum of not less than a majority of the entire Board present at such meeting; provided further that at least one week's notice of the proposed action shall have been given to the entire Board. Missing three consecutive meetings of the Board unless a majority of the Directors has excused such Director from attendance due to extreme circumstance(s) may constitute cause.

Section 6. Resignation. Any Director may resign from the Board at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing, and shall take effect at the time specified therein, and if no time be specified, at the time of its receipt by the Corporation or the Executive Director. The acceptance of a resignation by the Board shall not be necessary to make it effective, but no resignation shall discharge any accrued obligation or duty of a Director.

Section 7. Vacancies and Newly Created Directorships. Any newly created Directorships and any vacancies on the Board arising at any time and from any cause may be filled at any meeting of the Board by a majority of the Directors then in office, regardless of their number. The Directors so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting at which the election of Directors is the regular order of business and his successor is elected or appointed or qualified. A vacancy in the Board shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) the death, resignation or removal of any Director;
- (b) an increase in the authorized number of Directors by resolution of the Board; or

- (c) the failure of the Directors, at any annual or other meeting of Directors at which any one or more Directors are to be elected, to elect the full authorized number of Directors to be voted for at that meeting.

Section 8. Meetings. Meetings of the Board may be held at any place as the Board may from time to time fix. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held each year at a date, time and place fixed by the Board. At such time the Board shall receive the Annual Report. Other regular meetings of the Board shall be held at a time and place fixed by the Board. Special meetings of the Board shall be held whenever called by the Chair of the Board, the Executive Director or any Director upon written demand of not less than three Directors of the Board, in each case at such time and place as shall be fixed by the person or persons calling the meeting.

Section 9. Notice of Meetings. Regular meetings may be held without notice of the time and place if such meetings are fixed by the Board. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting, each regular meeting, and each special meeting of the Board shall be (i) delivered to each Director by e-mail or facsimile at least five (5) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or (ii) mailed to each Director, postage prepaid, addressed to him or her at his or her residence or usual place of business (or at such other address as he or she may have designated in a written request filed with the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held). To discuss matters requiring prompt action, notice of special meetings may be sent to each Director by e-mail, facsimile, or telephone, or given personally, no less than forty-eight hours before the time at which such meeting is to be held, unless the meeting must be held within forty-eight hours. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any Director who submits a signed waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him or her. Waivers of notice sent by email must be able to be reasonably determined to be sent by the Director. No notice need be given of any adjourned meeting.

Section 10. Quorum. Unless a greater proportion is required by law, the quorum shall be a majority of the entire Board.

Section 11. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, at any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present at the time of the vote shall be the act of the Board. If at any meeting of the Board there shall be less than a quorum present, the Directors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained. Any one or more Directors of the Board or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of telephone, video conference or similar communications equipment provided that all persons

participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and can participate in all matters before the board. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. The following acts of the Board require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board:

(a) a purchase, sale, mortgage or lease of real property of the Corporation if the property constitutes all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation;

(b) a sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation; or

(c) an alteration to these Bylaws or Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation that would increase the quorum requirement to greater than a majority of the entire board or would increase the vote requirement to greater than a majority of the Board present at the time of the vote.

Section 12. Action by the Board. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all Directors of the Board or the committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. Such consent may be written or electronic. If the consent is written, it must be signed by the Director. If the consent is electronic it must be able to be reasonably determined to have been sent by the director. The resolution and the written consents thereto by the Directors of the Board or committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee.

Section 13. Compensation. No compensation of any kind shall be paid to any Director for the performance of his or her duties as Director. This shall in no way limit the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with board service. Subject to the Corporation's Conflicts of Interest Policy provided that there is full disclosure of the terms of such compensation and the arrangement has been determined to be fair and reasonable and approved by the Board, a Director may receive payment for services provided to the Corporation in any capacity separate from his or her responsibilities as a Director.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS

Section 1. Number and Qualifications. The Officers of the Corporation shall be an Executive Director, a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers, if any, as the Board may from time to time appoint. One person may hold more than one office in the Corporation except that no one person may hold the offices of Executive Director and Secretary. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

No employee of the Corporation shall serve as Chair. No instrument required to be signed by more than one Officer may be signed by one person in more than one capacity.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors from those individuals who are then members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board, and each shall continue in office until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until his or her death, resignation or removal.

Section 3. Employees and Other Agents. The Board may from time to time appoint such employees and other agents as it shall deem necessary, each of whom shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, and shall have such authority and perform such duties and shall receive such reasonable compensation, if any, as the Board may from time to time determine. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the Board may delegate to any employee or agent any powers possessed by the Board and may prescribe their respective title, terms of office, authorities and duties.

Section 4. Removal. Any Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation may be removed with or without cause by a vote of the majority of the Board.

Section 5. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in any office, a successor to fill the unexpired portion of the term may be elected by the Board.

Section 6. Executive Director: Powers and Duties. The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have general supervision of the day to day affairs of the Corporation and shall keep the Board fully informed about the activities of the Corporation. He or she has the power to sign and execute alone in the name of the Corporation all contracts authorized either generally or specifically by the Board, unless the Board shall specifically require an additional signature. The Executive Director shall perform all the duties usually incident to the office of the Executive Director and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board.

Section 7. Chair: Powers and Duties. The Chair shall have the responsibility for the overall supervision and direction of the Board of Directors. The Chair shall preside at and conduct all meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee. He or she has the power to sign and execute alone in the name of the Corporation all contracts authorized either generally or specifically by the Board, unless the Board shall specifically require an additional signature. The Chair shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board.

Section 8. Vice-Chair: Powers and Duties. The Vice-Chair shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Executive Director.

Section 9. Secretary: Powers and Duties. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the annual meeting and all meetings of the Board in books provided for that purpose. He or she shall be responsible for the giving and serving of all notices of the Corporation, receiving the annual disclosure statements required by the Corporation's conflict of interest policy and shall perform all the duties customarily incidental to the office of the Secretary, subject to the control of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the Board.

Section 10. Treasurer: Powers and Duties. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all moneys, evidences of indebtedness and other valuable documents of the Corporation in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such banks or depositories as the Board may designate. Pursuant to Section 519 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law ("NPCL"), at the annual meeting of the Board, he or she shall render a report (the "Annual Report") of the Corporation's accounts showing in appropriate detail: (a) the assets and liabilities of the Corporation as of a twelve-month fiscal period terminating not more than six months prior to the meeting; (b) the principal changes in assets and liabilities during that fiscal period; (c) the revenues or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes during said fiscal period; and (d) the expenses or disbursements of the Corporation, for both general and restricted purposes during said fiscal period. The Annual Report shall be verified by the Executive Director and Treasurer or a majority of the Directors, or certified by an independent public accountant or certified public accountant or a firm of such accountants selected by the Board. The Annual Report shall be filed with the records of the Corporation and a copy or abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall, at all reasonable times, exhibit the Corporation's books and accounts to any Officer or Director of the Corporation, and whenever required by the Board, render a statement of the Corporation's accounts and perform all duties incident to the position of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board.

Section 11. Compensation. Any Officer who is not a Director but is an employee or agent of the Corporation is authorized to receive a reasonable salary or other reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Corporation as an employee or agent when authorized by a majority of the entire Board, and only when so authorized.

Section 12. Sureties and Bonds. In case the Board shall so require, any Officer or agent of the Corporation shall execute for the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board may direct, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his or her duties to the Corporation and including responsibility for negligence and for the accounting for all property or funds of the Corporation that may come into his or her hands.

ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES

A committee of the Board is one that shall have authority to bind the corporation and shall be comprised solely of Directors. There may be committees of the Board, as follows:

Section 1. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee which shall consist of at least the Executive Director, the Chair (who shall also serve as chair of the Executive Committee), the Vice-Chair and the Treasurer. Any other members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Director, subject to the approval of the entire Board. The Executive Committee shall have all the authority of the Board except as to the following matters:

- (a) the filling of vacancies on the Board or on any committee;
- (b) the amendment or repeal of the Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws;
- (c) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board which by its terms shall not be so amendable or repealable;
- (d) the fixing of compensation of the Directors for serving on the Board or any committee;
- (e) the election or removal of officers and directors;
- (f) the approval of a merger or plan of dissolution;
- (g) the authorization of a transaction involving the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the corporation; and
- (h) the approval of amendments to the certificate of incorporation.

Section 2. Finance Committee. A Finance Committee which shall consist of at least three (3) Directors, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. The other members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Director

of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board. The Finance Committee shall advise the Treasurer and the Board in regard to the investments and general fiscal policy of the Corporation.

Section 3. Other Committees of the Board. By resolution of the Board at a meeting at which a quorum is present the Board may establish and appoint other committees of the Board consisting of at least three Directors with such powers and duties as the Board may prescribe. The members of such committees shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES OF THE CORPORATION

Section 1. Powers. The Board by resolution may appoint from time to time any number of persons as advisors of the Corporation to act as a committee or committees of the Corporation. No such committee shall have the authority to bind the Board. Each advisor shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and shall have only the obligations as the Board may from time to time determine.

Section 2. No Compensation. No advisor to the Corporation shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or compensation for any service rendered to the Corporation as a member of a committee of the Corporation, except that the Board may authorize reimbursement of expenditures reasonably incurred on behalf of activities for the benefit of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

SUPPORTERS

Section 1. Supporters. "Supporter" means an individual that has paid dues to the National Organization as required by the National Organization and has agreed to supporting the purpose of the Corporation set forth in Article II.

Section 2. Eligibility. Any doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry, or any student or resident of those disciplines or any other concerned health professional or individuals who supports the purposes of the Corporation shall be eligible to be a Supporters.

Section 3. Meetings. Supporters shall have the right to attend the annual meeting, the regular meetings and, except as otherwise specified by the Board, the special meetings of the Board. Supporters may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of telephone, video conference or similar communications equipment provided that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each

other at the same time and can participate in all matters before the board. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

ARTICLE IX CONTRACTS, CHECKS, BANK ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS

Section 1. Checks, Notes and Contracts. The Board is authorized to select the banks or depositories it deems proper for the funds of the Corporation and shall determine who shall be authorized on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, to enter into contracts or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments.

Section 2. Investments. The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal or otherwise, including stocks, bonds or other securities, as the Board may deem desirable.

ARTICLE X

BOOKS

There shall be kept at the office of the Corporation correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation including the minute book, which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these bylaws, and all minutes of meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE XI

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall extend from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE XII

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1. Indemnification. The Corporation may, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she or his or her testator was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorney fees. No indemnification may be made to or on behalf of any such person if (a) his or her acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of his or her active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to such action or proceeding or (b) he or she personally gained in fact a

financial profit or other advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled in the transaction or matter in which indemnification is sought.

Section 2. Insurance. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain all insurance policies deemed to be in the best interest of the Corporation including insurance to indemnify the Corporation for any obligation which it incurs as a result of its indemnification of Directors, Officers and employees pursuant to Section 1 above, or to indemnify such persons in instances in which they may be indemnified pursuant to Section 1 above.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the vote of two-thirds of the entire Board; except that an amendment of Article II or Article XI shall require the approval of the National Organization. Any amendment or repeal of these Bylaws is authorized only (a) at a duly called and held meeting of the Board for which written notice of such meeting, setting forth the proposed alteration, is given in accordance with the notice provisions for special meetings set forth in Article IV, Section 9 of these Bylaws or, if notice of such meeting is given (and the written proposed alteration of the Bylaws given) at a meeting of the Board prior to the meeting to amend or repeal the Bylaws; and (b) after provision of written notice of such meeting and the proposed alteration to Supporters and the expiration of a 30-day comment period during which Supporters shall be invited to submit comments for consideration by the Board.

ARTICLE XIV

NON-DISCRIMINATION

In all of its dealings, neither the Corporation nor its duly authorized agents shall discriminate against any individual or group for reasons of race, color, creed, sex, age, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability or any category protected by state or federal law.

ARTICLE XV

REFERENCE TO CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

References in these Bylaws to the Certificate of Incorporation shall include all amendments thereto or changes thereof unless specifically excepted by these Bylaws. In the event of a conflict between the Certificate of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.