

The American Society of Handicapped Physicians
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Affirmative Action Statement

The American Society of Handicapped Physicians is dedicated to developing a consensus among members of the medical and related health care professions and the public about the rights of physically handicapped individuals to practice medicine and to provide other health care services without arbitrary or capricious regard for the fact that an individual is handicapped. Accordingly, the Society adopts the following as guiding principles of its actions:

1. The right of handicapped individuals to practice medicine or to be occupied in the performance of other health care services shall not be abridged solely because said individuals are handicapped.
2. Every handicapped individual who practices medicine or engages in other health care services has the right and responsibility to determine his or her ability to perform required services according to professional guidelines of the relevant professional communities to the same extent that individuals suffering no handicap exercise such right and responsibility.
3. No institution established for providing health care services shall discriminate against any individual certified as able to provide health care services on the sole account that said individual is handicapped.
4. Every institution established for educating and training individuals in the medical sciences or other health care services shall provide to handicapped individuals an equal opportunity for admission to its educational and training programs and shall facilitate the education and training of handicapped individuals to the fullest possible extent.