



Summary of Actions: 2016 National Congress of Student Members

July 28-30, 2016 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, Kansas City, MO

RESOLUTIONS Note: Resolutions adopted by the National Congress of Medical Students are not AAFP policy. Based on recommendations from the AAFP Commission on Education, NCMS resolutions are referred by the AAFP Board Chair to the appropriate Academy entity. This group then reviews the resolution and determines if further action is appropriate and if policy should be developed relating to the topic of the resolution.

Res. No.	Title and Resolved	Referral(s)	Action <i>Options: Accept for Information, Reaffirm, Agree, or Agree with Modification</i>
S1-101	Eliminating the Gender Salary Wage Gap RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians revise the third strategy of strategic objective 1 (Advocacy) which states “improve payment equity for family physicians by reducing the income gap between family physicians and subspecialties” to include improved payment equity within the specialty of family medicine, including gender.	Accepted for Information by Board of Directors	
S1-102	Increasing AAFP Promotion of Osteopath Student Membership and Involvement RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage chapters to recruit osteopathic medical students to become members of the AAFP.	Accepted for Information by Board of Directors	Complete.
S1-103	Support of Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Queer/Questioning Protection Laws (LGBTQ)	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	
S1-104	Promoting Inclusive Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation Options on Medical Documents RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support the inclusion of a patient’s biological sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, preferred gender pronoun(s), and (if applicable) surrogate identifications in medical documentation and related forms in a culturally sensitive manner, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for collection of patient data that is inclusive of sexual orientation/gender identity for the purposes of research into patient health.	Commission on Quality and Practice	

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S1-105	<p>The Urgency of Minority Medical Student Support</p> <p>RESOLVED That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate how more comprehensive support of minorities enrolled in medical education programs affects the educational outcomes, mental wellness, and burnout of medical students.</p>	Commission on Education	
S1-106	<p>Reduce Food Waste at the American Academy of Family Physician Conference Events</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate ways to collaborate with vendors to adopt less wasteful practices, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage vendors to donate all donatable food products that would otherwise be discarded in accordance with local regulations, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the planning committee for the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students include environmentally friendly efforts into its planning decisions, including repurposing food waste.</p>	Executive Vice President	
S1-107	Discontinuation of Discriminating Native American Imagery	Not Adopted	
S1-108	<p>Improving Patient Education of Limited English Proficiency Patients</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore providing more continuing medical education at such events as the Family Medicine Experience and National Conference of Family Residents and Medical Students that educate physicians on providing culturally competent care, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians familydoctor.org website provide more patient information in more languages for physician and patient use.</p>	1st Resolved Clause: Commission on Continuing Professional Development and Commission on Education (COCPD to take lead); 2nd Resolved Clause: Health of the Public and Science	
S1-109	<p>Involving the Center for Global Health Initiatives in the Coordination and Planning of the National Conference</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider involving the Center for Global Health Initiatives in the planning and coordination of global health related programing at the National Conference of Family Medicine of Residents and Medical Students, and be further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the National Conference of Family Medicine of Residents and Medical Students consider increasing the number of global health related speakers and skills based workshops.</p>	Executive Vice President	

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S1-110	<p>Increasing the Visibility of Global Health on the American Academy of Family Physicians Website</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with the Center for Global Health Initiatives to streamline aafp.org to highlight and improve access to existing global health resources.</p>	Executive Vice President	
S1-111	<p>Feasibility of Virtual Resolution Meetings</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of virtual meetings (via video chat, social media, discussion forums, etc.) to provide a means for dialogue with residents and students in order to result in improved resolution development prior to the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.</p>	Commission on Education	
S1-112	<p>Support for Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression Nondiscrimination</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to the United States Congress advocating for the passage of the currently proposed Equality Act in both the Senate and House of Representatives.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	
S1-113	Establishing a Relationship Between the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Psychiatric Association	Not Adopted	
S1-114	Advocacy for a Federal Ban on Reparative Therapy	Not Adopted	
S1-115	Repurposing Food Waste	Not Adopted	
S1-116	<p>Public Facility Use and Transphobia</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse laws protecting people from discrimination based on gender expression and identity and oppose laws that compromise the safety and health of transgender people.</p>	Resolutions from Congress on Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence. COD Resolution No. 508 was referred to the Commission on Governmental Advocacy.	
S1-117	Asking Gender Identity and the Clinic Experience of Transgender Patients	Not Adopted	
S2-201	Incorporating Health Policy Education Into Medical Schools and Residency Programs	Not Adopted	
S2-202	<p>Policy Recommendations on Men Who Have Had Sex With Men (MSM) Blood Donation</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate, including providing timely comments prior to November 25, 2016, for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to adopt blood-donation policies that protect the safety of blood donation while avoiding discrimination towards presumed risk groups such as men who have had sex with men.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	

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S2-203	<p>Importance of Oral Health in Medical Practice</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recognize the importance of managing oral health as part of overall patient care, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support efforts to educate physicians on oral condition screening and management, as well as the consequences of poor oral hygiene on overall health, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage closer collaboration of physicians with dental providers to provide comprehensive medical care.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-204	<p>Investigating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Block Grants</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) research the effects of block grants for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs on patient health.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-205	<p>Increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Funding</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby to maintain current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby to increase future Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	
S2-206	<p>Climate Change Policy Adjustments</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) update their climate change and air pollution policy to specifically include language about “greenhouse emissions from human activities,” i.e. “In recognition of the numerous and serious health consequences resulting from pollution, greenhouse emissions from human activities, climate change, and ozone layer depletion, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommends strong action on all public and private levels to limit and correct the pollution of our land, atmosphere and water.”</p>	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence. COD Resolution No. 404 was referred to the Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-207	<p>Physician Suicide Prevention</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide evidence-based resources for medical students, residents, and practicing physicians for suicide prevention.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-208	A Shot in the Dark: The Lack of Gun Violence Research is a Public Health Issue	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	

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S2-209	Supporting Common Sense Gun Legislation	Not Adopted	
S2-210	Improving Mental Health Care in the Primary Care Setting RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) explore opportunities for collaboration and education regarding mental health care, possibly including additional mental health programming at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.	Commission on Education	
S2-211	No Child Lead Behind – Improving Awareness, Detection and Prevention of Lead Contamination RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop a position paper as a tool for advocacy and action on the topic of lead poisoning awareness, detection and prevention of lead contamination.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-212	Climate Change Advocacy RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) endorse U.S. efforts to develop and implement national policies that facilitate U.S. compliance with the 2015 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change international agreement reached by over 190 countries in Paris, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommend to medical schools, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) that medical education curricula, core competencies and/or milestones should include the effects of climate change on human health, including on the social determinants of health, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support local and national climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies which seek to realize the United States' Nationally Determined Contribution by (1) endorsing state and federal legislation and regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions and (2) collaborating with other health professional and environmental organizations to promote ambitious national and international action on climate change, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide education to its members on methods for achieving environmental sustainability of medical workplaces (e.g. reducing energy use, increasing energy efficiency, etc.), and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) express to appropriate entities in writing its support for the prioritization of epidemiological, translational, clinical and basic science research necessary for evidence-based global climate change policy decisions related to health care and treatment.	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Resolved Clauses. COD Resolution No. 403 1st Resolved Clause was referred to Commission on Continuing Professional Development and Commission on Health of the Public and Science (CHPS to take lead); 2nd, 4th and 5th Resolved Clauses were referred to Commission on Health of the Public and Science. NC S2-212 only 3rd Resolved Clause was referred to Commission on Health of the Public and Science	

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S2-213	<p>Addressing Misinformation and Access to Health Services for Pregnant Women</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose funding of “crisis pregnancy centers” at the national level and other organizations that mislead patients to further a political or religious agenda, or to delay them from getting adequate reproductive care, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose legislation that requires women to attend crisis pregnancy centers prior to obtaining an abortion or requires physicians to provide information about crisis pregnancy centers, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage all healthcare providers and crisis pregnancy centers to provide evidence-based accurate information to patients regarding reproductive care.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	
S2-214	<p>Ending Direct Consumer Advertising</p> <p>RESOLVED, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) change its policy to support a ban on and/or limitations on direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and medical devices, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) reach out to the American Medical Association (AMA) to coordinate on efforts to advocate in support of a ban on and/or limitation on direct-to-consumer advertising.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	

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S2-215	<p>Improving Medical Care in Immigrant Detention</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate through appropriate channels for detained immigrants to receive healthcare to meet or exceed National Commission on Correctional Health Care standards for prison and jail healthcare, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate through appropriate channels to reduce immigrant detention by releasing people with serious medical and mental health needs, particularly when individuals require higher-level care, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate channels to shift current funding for detention to community based alternatives which will allow people to seek medical attention and receive support from family, legal counsel and community, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate to remove supervision of medical care in immigrant detention centers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement to maintain clinical independence, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate to ensure that inspections of medical care at immigrant detention centers provide meaningful oversight.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-216	Improving Anal Cancer Care	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	
S2-217	Revisiting the Creation of an Electronic Health Record by the American Academy of Family Physicians	Not Adopted	
S3-301	Support a Study on Minimum Competencies and Scope of Medical Scribe Utilizations	Not Adopted	
S3-302	Support of the Research of the Efficacy of Situational Judgment Testing (SJT)/Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) in the Evaluation of Medical School Applicants	Not Adopted	
S3-303	Evaluation of The Healer's Art Course in Building Compassion in Medical Students	Not Adopted	
S3-304	<p>Transparency of Procedural Expectations and Conscience Policies in the Residency Application Process</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse a policy of transparency in the residency application process by writing a letter to the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors encouraging residency programs to a) list the procedural expectations of the residency program and b) list the conscience policies of the residency program in a way that is easily accessible to residency applicants.</p>	Commission on Education	

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S3-305	A Virtual Platform for Wellness and Burnout Prevention RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore online platforms for discussion and dissemination of resources to combat medical student and resident burnout.	Executive Vice President	
S3-306	Enhanced Understanding of MACRA, Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, for Resident and Student AAFP Members RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create an online module, handout, or webinar addressing Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and its quality payment programs (QPP), merit-based payment system (MIPS) and alternative payment programs (APMs), at the appropriate level and context for family medicine residents and medical students on the AAFP website as well as on the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Network, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)-based programming at the AAFP National Conference on Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.	Commission on Quality and Practice and Commission on Education (CQP to take lead)	
S3-307	Talking Explicitly About Impact Bias RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a policy statement reflecting the role implicit bias has on health outcomes, and the importance of family physicians being aware of their own implicit bias and taking steps to reduce its impact in patient care.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S3-308	Lobby to End Step 2 CS and Level PE RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby the Federation of State Medical Boards and their member licensing boards to advocate for elimination of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 2 CS and the COMLEX Level 2 PE as a requirement for Liaison Committee on Medical Education accredited and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation accredited medical school graduates who have passed a school-administered clinical skills examination.	Commission on Education	
S3-309	Partnerships in Developing a Rural Training Database RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians collaborate with the Rural Training Track Collaborative and National Rural Health Association to explore the development of a resource such as a database of rural training opportunities for family physicians, residents, and medical students.	Commission on Education	
S3-310	Recycling at National Conference	Not Adopted	

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S3-311	<p>The American Academy of Family Physicians to Support Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Accredited Residencies in Obtaining Osteopathic Recognition</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physician (AAFP) create a statement of support regarding residency programs seeking to obtain osteopathic recognition, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage the ACGME, by form of a letter, to create and make available a "How to Guide" on how to achieve osteopathic recognition for residency programs.</p>	Executive Vice President	
S3-312	<p>Student Debt Reform</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians use its legislative advocacy to influence the U.S. Congress to enact policies that would curb the growth of tuition.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	
S3-313	<p>Offering Guidance to the ABFM Regarding the Maintenance of Certification Family Practice (MC-FP)</p>	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	
S3-314	<p>Supporting Medicare Drug Negotiating Powers</p>	Not Adopted	
S3-315	<p>Protecting Rural Family Medicine Training Programs During the AOA/ACGME Merger</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians disseminate cross-cultural and linguistic education resources to Family Medicine Interest Groups across the country to improve communication between physicians and the Spanish-speaking population with limited English proficiency.</p>	Commission on Education	
S3-316	<p>Promoting the Resident and Student Discussion Forum</p>	Not Adopted	
S3-317	<p>Promoting Cross-Cultural and Linguistic Education for Residents and Medical Students About Hispanic and Latino Populations to Improve Health Care Communications</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) consider programming at the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students to improve communication between physicians and the Spanish-speaking population with limited English proficiency, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians disseminate cross-cultural and linguistic education resources to Family Medicine Interest Groups across the country to improve communication between physicians and the Spanish-speaking population with limited English proficiency.</p>	Commission on Education	