

Summary of Action: 2009 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents

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Resolution No. R1-400 Inclusion of Geriatric Topics at National Family Medicine Conferences

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide expanded education (workshops, lectures, courses) for residents and students in geriatric medicine topics at future National Conferences

Reaffirmation Calendar

Resolution No. R1-401 Expand Multilingual Provider Education

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) should provide resources (i.e., reference list, database, courses, study abroad programs, software, etc.) to assist providers who wish to seek further education in medical language fluency.

Adopted

Resolution No. R1-402 Multilingual Patient Education

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) expand its patient education handouts to be inclusive of the top five languages spoken in the United States.

Not Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. R1-403 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Global Health Contact Database

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate augmenting the global health online resources by creating a member-only searchable database (by location, language and organization) to include a list of AAFP members who have participated in global health programs (both foreign and domestic) and who are willing to share their experiences and wisdom.

Adopted

Resolution No. R1-404 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Declaration of Support for the Families of Gay and Lesbian Couples

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) publish a news release affirming the rights of gay and lesbian couples to adopt children.

Not Adopted

Resolution No. R1-405 Changing Maternity Care Continuity Delivery Requirement for Family Medicine Residents

RESOLVED, That family medicine residents have the option of delivering continuity patients if that benefits their future practice.

Not Adopted

Resolution No. R1-406 Study of the Appropriateness of Waiver of the American Board of Family Medicine’s Board Exam

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) to consider the effect of allowing a waiver of the first ABFM Board exam should the applicant to the Board have passed three resident in-service exams with scores compatible with passage of the ABFM Board on each exam, given that the applicant would still pay a full processing fee and still fulfill all other application requirements.

Not Adopted

Resolution No. R2-500 Furthering Involvement in Academic Free Clinics

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage constituent chapters to have a closer involvement in academic-based student/resident free clinics by providing guidance, mentorship, and/or members to serve as preceptors and funding as available.

Not Adopted

Resolution No. R2-501 Reciprocity of a “Public Option” in the U.S. Health Care System

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work with the U.S. Congress, the President of the United States, and all other relevant government bodies to ensure that any legislation containing provisions for a “public option” for health coverage in the U.S. mandate reciprocity and portability of that coverage between all 50 states, U.S. territories, and other U.S. sovereign domains.

Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. R2-502 Family Physicians Advocate for a Ban on Cell Phone Use While Driving

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support a ban on the use of cell phones while driving.

Not Adopted

Resolution No. R2-503 Re-Evaluating Continuity Clinic Requirements

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee for Family Medicine (RRC-FM) update continuity clinic requirements to reflect care via telephone and e-mail interactions as well as clinic visits.

Adopted

Resolution No. R2-504 Re-Evaluating Practice Management Curriculum

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) devise specific standardized curriculum that incorporates the patient-centered medical home available to use by programs via the AAFP Website.

Adopted as Amended

Resolution No. R2-505 Endorsement for a Public Plan Option

RESOLVED, That the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents support the American Academy of Family Physicians’ (AAFP) endorsement of a public plan option that provides comprehensive and affordable health care coverage for all.

Adopted

Resolution No. R2-506 Inclusion of a Public Option in Health Care Reform

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work with the U.S. Congress, the President of the United States, and all other relevant governmental bodies to ensure that any legislation reforms to the U.S. health care system include a public option.

Adopted

Resolution No. R3-600 Saving Costs by Including Coverage for Immigrant Populations

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby the United States Congress that national health care reform offer a public health insurance option that includes coverage for immigrant populations – legal permanent residents, naturalized citizens, refugees, and undocumented immigrants.

Not Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. R3-602 Protect American Family Medicine Residencies

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) continue to actively promote increasing federal funding of family medicine residency programs including, but not limited to, Title VII and Medicare funding, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) continue to aggressively advocate for meaningful health care reform that supports debt reduction programs for all physicians who choose to practice primary care.

Adopted in Lieu of R3-601 Loan Repayment in Primary Care and R3-606 Prioritizing Loan Repayment/Debt Forgiveness

Resolution No. R3-603 Revise the Online American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Directory of Family Medicine Residency Programs

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) revise the current online AAFP Directory of Family Medicine Residency Programs to include the ability to search by multiple program characteristics, such as unopposed vs. opposed programs, fellowships offered, international rotations, residency size relocation funding, geographic radius/region, and rural/suburban/urban hospital setting.

Adopted

Resolution No. R3-604 Increasing U.S. Medical School Graduates Entering Family Medicine Residencies

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support the establishment of a national priority to double the number of U.S. medical school graduates entering family medicine residencies, based on 2009 statistics, by 2020.

Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. R3-605 Promote Revised Graduate Medical Education Financing Rules for Rural Residency Rotations

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for graduate medical education (GME) financing that follows the resident to their residency program.

Adopted

Resolution No. R3-607 Encouragement of the National Health Service Corp (NHSC) to Award Multiple Loan Repayment Terms

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage the National Health Service Corp (NHSC) to award multiple loan repayment terms, including awards for periods longer than two years, and that consideration be given to distributing the award at the initiation of service.

Adopted

Resolution No. 700 One-Time Fee Membership Option (late resolution)

RESOLVED, That an option of a one-time fee be offered to residents for three years of American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) membership.

Adopted