



Summary of Actions of the 2017 National Congress of Student Members

July 27-29, 2017 – Kansas City, MO

Note: Resolutions adopted by the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents are not AAFP policy. Based on recommendations from the AAFP Commission on Education, NCSM 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. **Pending outcome of resolution(s) before the Congress of Delegates*

Res. No.	Subject	Referral(s)	Action <i>Options: Accept for Information, Consistent with Current Policy, Agree (with recommendation to the Board), Agree with Modification (with recommendation to the Board), or Refer to Another Commission</i>
S1-101	Expanding "Housing First" Programs for People Experiencing Homelessness RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the expansion of the "Housing First" approach to homelessness.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Accept for Information The commission recommended and the Board of Directors approved in April 2018 that the homelessness policy statement be revised to include this and other information.
S1-102*	Healthcare is a Human Right RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recognize that health care is a basic human right for every person and not a privilege.	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	COD Adopted on the floor as amended To be included as policy statement on the AAFP policy website
S1-103	Maximizing Representation of Racial and Ethnic Health Subpopulations in Data RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a public statement of support for changes to data collection so that subpopulations are identified in order to acknowledge and mitigate distinct health disparities, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the amendment and expansion of the White House Office of Management and Budget's "Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity" to have federal data collection reflect the demographics in America.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree with Modification At its June 2018 meeting, the commission recommended a new policy statement on this issue which will be considered by the Board of Directors at its July 2018 meeting.

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<p>S1-104</p>	<p>Electronic Health Record Optimization Through Interoperability RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians will advocate for legislation to improve electronic health record (EHR) interoperability through a simple, secure interface.</p>	<p>Commission on Quality and Practice</p>	<p>Consistent with Current Policy The commission agreed to reaffirm the resolution as it is consistent with current policy. The resolution asks the AAFP to advocate for legislation to improve electronic health record (EHR) interoperability through a simple, secure interface. The AAFP advocates within Congress and the Administration for laws and regulations that will drive further interoperability. Therefore, resolution S1-104 is consistent with the current policy and activities of the AAFP.</p>
<p>S1-105</p>	<p>Electronic Medical Records and Clinical Photography</p>		
<p>S1-106</p>	<p>Improving EHR Inter-Operability via Smart Card Technology RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of smart card technology in the hands of patients as a means to improve electronic health record system inter-operability in the United States health system.</p>	<p>Commission on Quality and Practice</p>	<p>Accept for Information The commission agreed to accept the resolution for information. The resolution asks that the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of smart card technology in the hands of patients as a means to improve electronic health record system inter-operability in the United States health system. Smart cards are a technology to store and access identity and smaller data sets. This requires standardization of these identity and other data. In health care we do not have such national standards. Until we have a national identifier and standardized data sets,</p>

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			smart cards will not be able to improve efficiency to accessing patient data. AAFP's activities have been to push for standardization of identity data and clinical summary information, which are foundational to any national smart card effort. Therefore, we recommend that the commission accept resolution S1-106 for information.
S1-107	Combine NCSM and NCFMR		
S1-108	Improved and Expanded Medicare for All (Single Payer) RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians utilize its resources, draw upon its knowledge of population health, and capitalize on its political influence to advocate for Medicare for All.	Accept for Information	
S1-109	Actively Improving the Ethnic and Gender Diversity of the AAFP Board of Directors RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates, National Congress of Student Members, National Congress of Family Medicine Residents, and the National Conference of Constituency Leaders consider diversity when electing its representatives to the Board of Directors.	Accept for Information	
S2-201	Sunscreen in Schools RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly endorse allowing the use of sunscreen in schools without requiring a nurse's approval, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with and encourage AAFP constituent chapters to actively pursue policy at the state and local levels that allow the use of sunscreen in schools without requiring a nurse's approval.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree with Modification The commission is developing a policy statement on this issue which the commission expects to act on in Fall 2018.
S2-202	Sex and Gender-Based Medicine in Family Medicine RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a public statement encouraging the inclusion of sex- and gender-based medicine in clinical education, including but not limited to, medical school, residency, and continuing medical education programs.	Commission on Education	Accept for Information There have been concerns regarding this topic at AMA, NC and other meetings. The Executive Committee looked at this resolution with a broad view. There are opportunities for additional research in this area. The resolved clause is generic and doesn't drive any

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			specific action. The resolution will be shared with COCPD staff for their thoughts and those will be conveyed back to the Executive Committee.
S2-203	<p>Resources for Physician Spouse/Significant Others to Address Physician Burnout RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore developing and making available tools and resources addressing physician-spouse/significant others relationship well-being.</p>	Commission on Membership and Member Services	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The AAFP launched its Physician Health First Initiative in September 2017. With Physician Health First, the AAFP is taking a holistic view of the factors affecting physician well-being. As new portal content is developed, the commission believed strong consideration should be given to creating resources related to individual well-being issues including personal relationships and their impact on wellness.</p>
S2-204	<p>Update the AAFP Position and Policy on the Cash-Bond System to Reflect the Negative Impacts on Individual and Community Health RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore researching potential adverse health impacts of the cash-bond bail system.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The commission will research these topics for possible inclusion in future updates to the Position Paper on Incarceration and Health: A Family Medicine Perspective.</p>
S2-205	<p>CME for Gender Affirming Care for Transgender Individuals RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians have separate CME training for issues specific to health disparities among transgender patients and how to provide gender-affirming care as opposed to combining with peripherally related topics, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate and support the position that gender-affirming care is a vital aspect of primary care for transgender individuals and should occur in primary care settings.</p>		
S2-206	<p>Advocating Investigation and Support for Lifestyle Medicine by AAFP RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of clinical lifestyle medicine and support its representation in medical student and resident medical education, and be it further</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Agree with Modification (with recommendation to the Board)</p> <p>1st RESOLVED Clause only, That the AAFP</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate a collaboration with American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) and the Lifestyle Medicine Education Collaborative (LMEd) and consider incorporating more lifestyle medicine (LM) resources into the AAFP website, and presentations and workshops into AAFP conferences.</p>		<p>(delete investigate) encourage the use of clinical lifestyle medicine and support its representation in medical student and resident medical education, and be it further ---- Clinical lifestyle medicine topics are beginning to appear in CME. Patients are increasingly getting information over the internet, some true, and others untrue and/or misleading. This is an increasingly important subject and one not adequately addressed in medical school and residency curriculums. There are opportunities to ensure that elements of lifestyle medicine are included in many of the CGs. This can be done as part of the scheduled revisions of CGs. This resolution was forwarded to the Board Chair for approval on 12/21/17. - APPROVED.</p> <p>Commission on Continuing Professional Development</p> <p>2nd RESOLVED Clause only, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) supports clinical lifestyle medicine that involves the use of evidence-based lifestyle therapeutic approaches, such as diet, exercise, sleep, stress management, alcohol moderation and tobacco cessation, and other non-drug modalities, to prevent, treat, and reverse the</p>
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			<p>lifestyle-related chronic disease of the patient. The COCPD determined that these approaches are appropriately addressed within the AAFP's current and future CME programing and public education. The AAFP has a Lifestyle Medicine Member Interest Group (MIG). The COCPD requires AAFP produced CME to be developed based on members educational needs, professional practice gaps and member demand. The COCPD expects collaborators to be identified based upon these same principles</p>
S2-207	<p>Establishing the Routine Exchange of Preferred Pronouns and Name Between the Patient and Physician RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians will encourage training for doctors to routinely introduce themselves to patients with their preferred name and pronouns and then asking for the patient's name and pronoun preference, with consideration for non-binary nomenclature; such a routine can help normalize the physician's inquiry into and the respect of a patient's chosen identity.</p>		
S2-208	<p>Oppose Medically Unnecessary Genital Surgeries on Intersex Children RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the evidence for/against the medical necessity of genital surgeries performed on intersex children and consider developing a policy and educational materials on this issue.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Agree with Modification At its June 2018 meeting, the commission recommended a new policy statement on this issue which will be considered by the Board of Directors at its July 2018 meeting.</p>

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<p>S2-209</p>	<p>Incorporating "Environmental Justice" in AAFP Communications RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore the concept of environmental justice and its application in AAFP policy and in future communications on climate change to emphasize that the health impacts of climate change are not felt equally by all populations, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider partnering with organizations such as Physicians for Social Responsibility, the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), to advocate for environmental justice issues nationwide.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>At its June 2018 meeting, the commission recommended revising the climate change policy statement to include language that pollution, human greenhouse gas emissions, and ozone depletion lead to consequences such as climate change and poor health outcomes, and that these consequences more often affect vulnerable populations. The Board of Directors will consider this recommendation at its July 2018 meeting.</p>
<p>S3-301</p>	<p>Support of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians communicate to the appropriate government entities including, but not limited to, Congress and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, opposition to budget cuts to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>These goals are consistent with the AAFP's work supporting the Title 10 family planning program and the AAFP may support this program as part of a broader array of prevention and public health initiatives important to family physicians.</p>
<p>S3-302</p>	<p>Preserve Funding for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs</p>		
<p>S3-303</p>	<p>Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program Support RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to the Department of Education and United States Congress in support of the continuation and expansion of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose the passage of H.R. 2725, the "Student Loan Lower Interest Rate and Lower Monthly Repayment Refinancing Act of 2017."</p>		

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<p>S3-304</p>	<p>Establish an Accessible Online Minority Mentorship Program RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians establish and promote an online program for mentors including optional mentorship identifiers such as ethnic background, practice setting, clinical interests, gender identity, sexual orientation and religion.</p>	<p>Commission on Education <i>Dupe with R3-601</i></p>	<p>Accept for Information Supported the spirit of the resolution and the importance of mentorship and role modeling for all students, especially those who are underrepresented in medicine and may feel isolated during their training. Considered input from members who had experience participating in and creating online mentorship programs. Agreed with past considerations of this body and with the reference committee that reviewed this resolution during the 2017 NC that creation and maintenance of a national database of mentors and mentees would require a level of organizational resources that is prohibitive of agreeing with the resolution. Concerned that such an effort might not have a positive return on its investment. Most impactful mentorship relationships often happen at a local level when they are self-directed. Staff will look for opportunities to enhance resources for students on seeking their own mentoring experiences, connecting with their state chapters, joining AAFP Member Interest Groups, and other venues.</p>
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<p>S3-305</p>	<p>Support Reproductive Health Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate on behalf of family physicians who perform and teach contraception, options counseling for unintended pregnancy, miscarriage management, and abortion care, many of whom are subjected to legislation or hospital restrictions that may limit scope of practice or training opportunities, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That planners of the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students support and encourage inclusion of reproductive health topics such as contraception, abortion, miscarriage, and options counseling for unintended pregnancy, as well as procedural topics like intrauterine device insertion and implant insertion at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.</p>		
<p>S3-306</p>	<p>Request for Increasing Emphasis on End-of-Life Care Planning RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore and incorporate education on end-of-life care into programming at the AAFP National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students or other appropriate educational venues.</p>		
<p>S3-307</p>	<p>Expanding Technology Utilization in the Primary Care Environment</p>		
<p>S3-308</p>	<p>Decreasing Cost and Increasing Environmental Sustainability RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) explore opportunities to maintain and increase revenue for the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students using options that also reduce the need for paper production and more effectively influence attendees.</p>	<p>Commission on Education</p>	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</p> <p>A "greening" resolution was previously adopted. The spirit of the resolution is current practice of the AAFP Division of Meetings and Conventions. The Meetings team has implemented environmentally friendly efforts into their planning decisions as allowable and possible. Most paper handouts and programs onsite have been eliminated in lieu of apps, web pages and social media communications to inform attendees of meeting details. Staff will continue to evaluate ways to reduce waste.</p>

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S3-309	<p>Include the Papaya Workshop for Uterine Aspiration in the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students</p>		
S3-310	<p>Medical Student and Residency Advocacy Related to the American Medical Association Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update (RUC) Committee</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the student and resident branches of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) actively lobby the American Medical Association (AMA) to increase the representation of family physicians on AMA's Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC), and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the student and resident branches of the AAFP create a sub-committee or special designated member dedicated to RUC reform.</p>		