



# Summary of Actions of the 2018 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents

## August 2-4, 2018 – 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, NCFMR 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. \*same or similar resolution adopted by the student congress or congress of delegates

<b>Res. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Referral</b>	<b>Action</b>
R1-401	<p><b>Removing REMS Categorization on Mifepristone</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly endorse the principle that the REMS classification on mifepristone is not based on scientific evidence and limits access to abortion care and the best evidence-based medical management of miscarriage, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians engage in advocacy efforts to overturn the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies classification on mifepristone.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Resolved Clause – Accepted for information.</p> <p>Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.</p>	<p>COD Resolution No. 506 was adopted.</p>
R1-402	<p><b>Building the Family Medicine Research Workforce</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians seek opportunities to contribute to evidence-based medicine through original research and building the primary care research workforce, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate a stable funding line for family medicine research fellowships to train family physicians in conducting primary care research in settings that may include, but are not limited to, academic family medicine, practice-based research networks, community engagement, health policy, or public health, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create pilot funding opportunities to support medical student as well as family medicine resident and fellow researchers in building a research base for future grants and high impact research, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the creation of a sustainable, inter-organizational family medicine research engagement task</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The AAFP National Research Network is already doing what the resolution calls for.</p>

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	force in possible collaboration with the eight other national family medicine organizations (North American Primary Care Research Group, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, American Board of Family Medicine, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, Association of Departments of Family Medicine, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, American Board of Family Medicine Foundation) to identify and disseminate best practices for training new primary care researchers and accordingly develop new primary care research training opportunities, which might include, but are not limited to, interorganizational research opportunities.		
R1-403	<b>Bolstering the AAFP National Research Network (NRN)</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians dedicate a stable, annual funding stream in its budget to support the National Research Network (NRN) and collaborate with the NRN to determine the appropriate fiscal amount.	Current Policy	
R1-404	<b>Restore Funding for AHRQ's National Guidelines Clearinghouse</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to the appropriate bodies to restore funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) National Guidelines Clearinghouse.	Reaffirmed	
R1-405	<b>Increasing Percentage of Women's Reproductive Health Topics at American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National Conference and the Family Medicine Experience (FMX)</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) direct the Family Medicine Experience Curriculum Advisory Panel to openly publish the percentage allocations of session topic categories of live and online AAFP continuing medical education activities, and be it further  RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) increase the representation of women's reproductive health topics at future AAFP events including the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.	1 <sup>st</sup> Resolved Clause-- Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.  2 <sup>nd</sup> Resolved Clause— Commission on Education	COD Substitute Resolution No. 605 was adopted.  Consistent with Current Policy  The SNCP/COE discussed that contraception and other women's health topics are included on the suggested topics' list that is shared with potential workshop presenters. Women's Health Techniques is offered on an annual basis as a Procedural Skills Course, which

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			describes and demonstrates IUD insertion. A least one women's health workshop has been presented at almost every National Conference for the last 10 years. The NC Planning Committee reviews twice the number of workshop proposals than the event can handle and makes selections that appeal to the widest range of attendees.
R1-406	<p><b>Reducing Barriers to Hospital Discharge for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder with Methadone</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for and work with stakeholders to design systems that allow for medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder to be initiated in the hospital and continued on discharge to skilled nursing facilities.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	<p>Agree</p> <p>The commission deferred to its action on 2018 COD Adopted Resolution No. 407, "Safe Injection Facilities," which was to revise the policy statement titled, "Needle Exchange Programs and Safe Injection Sites." The policy revision was approved by the board of directors in March 2019.</p>
R1-408	<p><b>Adopt a Comprehensive Policy on the Health Impacts of Immigration Policy</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians author a position paper regarding the importance of mitigating negative health impacts of United States' immigration practices which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meeting standards of care without compromising immigrant persons' rights</li> <li>• timely access to healthcare for immigrant persons in detention facilities</li> <li>• measures to reduce toxic stress associated with threat of detention and deportation</li> <li>• privacy protections for medical records of all immigrant persons whether documented or undocumented equal to those afforded to U.S. citizens</li> <li>• appropriate payment of physicians for care delivered to immigrant persons and their families.</li> </ul>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	<p>Agree</p> <p>The commission plans to write a policy statement on this topic.</p>

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R2-501	<p><b>Advocating Against Family Medicine Discrimination as Hospitalists</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians have discussions with internal medicine organizations (i.e. American College of Physicians) and hospital groups (i.e. American Hospital Association, American College of Healthcare Executives) to lobby against the discrimination of family medicine physicians in hospitalist positions.</p>	Reaffirmed	
R2-502	<p><b>Universal Health Access</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) acknowledge and support that a single-payer system is currently one of the most promising ways to achieve the AAFP's goal of universal health care as a basic human right, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) include the data and conclusions of 2017 Congress of Delegates Board Report F, "Single Payer Health Care System," in evidence-based educational programs, continuing medical education activities, and stage presentations at AAFP meetings in the areas of health-care policy, health-care economics, and health care-systems.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Resolved Clause— Current Policy</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved Clause— Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.</p>	COD Substitute Resolution No. 502 was adopted.
R2-503	<p><b>Elimination of Race-Based Medicine</b></p>	Not Adopted	
R2-504	<p><b>Electronic Health Record Intercommunication</b></p>	Not Adopted	
R2-505	<p><b>Gun Violence, Education and Trauma-Informed Care</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with appropriate federal agencies to develop public health initiatives addressing the effects of gun violence for all medical personnel, first responders, and the general public, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop educational initiatives for family physicians that provides information on how to provide clinical and mental health care for persons who have experienced trauma.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Resolved Clause-- Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved Clause— Commission on Continuing Professional Development</p>	<p>COD Resolution No. 416 was Reaffirmed as Current Policy</p> <p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The COCPD decision was based on AAFP's already available educational options for family physicians to provide clinical and mental care for persons who have experienced trauma (including gun related) in diverse educational formats.</p>

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<p><b>R2-506</b></p>	<p><b>Addressing the Separation of Families at the Border</b>  RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians commit to stand against immigration policies that result in family separation and long-term detention of families seeking asylum from violence and oppression, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians call for timely access to quality medical, dental, and mental health care for children and families affected by detention and separation policies, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians call upon appropriate government agencies to implement alternatives to family separation and long-term detention of family units, including community-based case management.</p>	<p>Current Policy</p>	
<p><b>R2-507</b></p>	<p><b>Advocacy for Increased Pediatric Mental Health Funding</b>  RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support and advocate for legislation that will increase funding for pediatric mental health programs aimed at increasing access and volume to said services on a national level.</p>	<p>Commission on Governmental Advocacy</p>	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The commission agreed that current policy was consistent and believes AAFP policy subsumes the resolved clause.</p>
<p><b>R2-508</b></p>	<p><b>Electronic Health Record Optimization for Reduction of Physician Burden</b>  RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians amend the policy entitled "Electronic Health Records" to include language recommending the participation of family physicians in the update and improvement of electronic health records, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the feasibility of inviting electronic health records (EHR) vendors to send representatives to appropriate and practical AAFP conferences to participate in interest groups to facilitate two-way discussion of physician recommendations, software-developer recommendations, current limitations, and future shared goals for optimal EHR design, function, and workflow, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians continue to investigate the development of recommendations regarding appropriate physician documentation workflow to reduce paperwork burden, including in electronic health records systems.</p>	<p>Commission on Quality and Practice</p>	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The commission accepted the resolution for information. The EHR policy was approved by the Congress of Delegates in 2018, and the commission determined it does not need to be further updated at this time. The AAFP is strongly committed to effecting burden reduction, especially EHR burden reduction, and there are ongoing activities in place to dialog with EHR vendors. In addition, the AAFP has numerous ongoing activities to impact physician workflow to reduce documentation burden.</p>

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R3-601	<p><b>Oppose the Criminalization of Self-Induced Abortion</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby against legislative efforts to criminalize self-induced abortion.</p>	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.	COD Resolution No. 507 was adopted.
R3-602	<p><b>Add a Student and Resident Position to the Family Medicine Political Action Committee Board</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create one resident and one student seat on the FamMedPAC Board of Directors.</p>	Accept for Information	
R3-603	<p><b>Oppose Shackling in Labor</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a position paper opposing the shackling of detained or incarcerated people who are pregnant or in the postpartum period, defined as six weeks after delivery of the infant, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) educate its members regarding American Medical Association model state legislation, entitled "Act to Prohibit the Shackling of Pregnant Prisoners," specifically emailing AAFP chapter leaders and members in states without policies concerning shackling in labor.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	The commission has formed a team to address the resolution.
R3-604	<p><b>Electronic Medical Record Integration of Prescription Drug</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians collaborate with other medical associations, electronic health record (EHR) suppliers, and other stakeholders in order to integrate EHR point-of-care clinical decision support tools that provide estimated out-of-pocket prescription costs into the EHR to reduce prescription expenses.</p>	Commission on Quality and Practice	Accept for Information  The commission accepted the resolution for information. The prevalence and availability of these functionalities within EHRs is swiftly increasing. There is rapid growth in use of Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) solutions, such as Surescripts' Prescription Price Transparency Tool and the Relay Health Cover My Meds, and the rollout of electronic prior authorization and e-prescribing tools.
R3-605	<p><b>Advocacy Education as a Requirement for Family Medicine Residency Training</b> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians urge the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to establish a milestone that specifically</p>	Commission on Education	Jan 2019 SGC/COE Meeting - Referred back to SGC for May/June 2019 meeting

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	requires advocacy education in medical training.		
<b>R3-606</b>	<p><b>Universal Recognition Of and Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products as Medical Necessities in Correctional and Detention Facilities</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the recognition of menstrual hygiene products as medical necessities, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage chapters to advocate for people capable of menstruation who are incarcerated or detained to have access to unlimited, free menstrual hygiene products, including pads, tampons and clean underwear.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	The commission has formed a team to address the resolution.
<b>R3-607</b>	<p><b>Funding for Graduate Medical Education Positions in Puerto Rico</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services advocating to increase Medicare Graduate Medical Education funding for current and new residency and fellowship positions in Puerto Rico to address the current shortage of primary care physicians, and, be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work in collaboration with the AAFP Puerto Rico chapter and Puerto Rico's local government to aid in the growth of family medicine residencies and fellowship programs.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The AAFP GME funding policy combined with an AAFP priority focused on advancing GME funding will make strides to address the first resolved clause. 2018 COD Resolution No. 615 – Puerto Rico's Primary Care Physician Exodus – was referred to the COE by the Board of Directors and will cover the information contained in the second resolved clause.</p>
<b>R3-608</b>	<p><b>The Plight of Unmatched Physicians</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the AAFP create a statement opposing positions like the “assistant physicians” role as seen in Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas with concern for patient safety and quality of care.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	Action TBD
<b>R3-609</b>	<p><b>Residency and Patient Population Diversity</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support residency programs in diversifying their residency physicians to mirror the diversity of their serviced patient population, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop and make available resources to assist residency program directors in implementing a more holistic method of evaluating program applicants.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>Health equity and diversity have been made AAFP priorities. Diversity, inclusion and health equity initiatives, as well as the 25/2030 Initiative will begin to influence applicant evaluation and ultimately diversity within residency programs. However, the AAFP does not have the ability to</p>

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			impact screening and evaluation practices of individual residency programs.
<b>R3-610</b>	<b>Increasing Transparency and Trainee Participation in the FamMedPAC</b>	Not Adopted	
<b>Late Resolution*</b>	<b>Oppose "Fetal Personhood" Terminology in Governmental Policies and Legislation</b> RESOLVED, that the AAFP publicly oppose the use of and the concept of 'fetal personhood' language in governmental policies and legislation as it infringes on the bodily autonomy of pregnant persons.	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.	COD Resolution No. 509 was adopted.