



Summary of Actions of the 2018 National Congress of Student Members

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Note: Resolutions adopted by the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents and Student Members are not AAFP policy. Based on recommendations from the AAFP Commission on Education, NCFMR/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. *same or similar resolution adopted by the resident congress or congress of delegates

Res. No.	Subject	Referral	Action
S1-101	Coverage for Vitamin D Supplementation for Newborns RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the inclusion of vitamin D supplementation for newborns in the list of Medicaid covered preventive supplements.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree with Modification The commission will develop a policy statement on this topic.
S1-102	Incorporating Pipeline Outreach Programs into Family Medicine Interest Group Activities <u>Substitution:</u> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide support and resources for Family Medicine Interest Groups to institute pipeline programs that increase awareness and interest in health care careers for the underserved youth in their communities.	Current Policy	
S1-103	Guidance for First-and Second-Year Medical Students	Not Adopted	
S1-104	Oppose Unnecessary Requirements on Clinicians That Perform Abortions RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage chapters to oppose state and national level legislation that imposes non-evidence based requirements on abortion providers which infringe on their practice, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage chapters to oppose legislation that requires abortion providers to provide incorrect or non-evidence based information to patients.	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	
S1-105	The "Public Charge Rule" Draft--Threat to Immigrant Health RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians communicate to the Department of Homeland Security its opposition to the inclusion of health, housing, and nutrition services in the definition of a Public Charge.	Adopted	
S1-106	Natural Disaster Contingency Plan RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) help create a natural disaster contingency plan that involves the logistics of the continuation of primary care services during, before and after a natural disaster in consortium with each AAFP constituent chapter.	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.	COD Resolution No. 420 was referred to the Board of Directors.

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S1-107	<p>Create a Toolkit for Identifying Human Trafficking Victims for Physicians RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a toolkit for human-trafficking screening, including warning signs and resources for the patient, to be used within clinical settings, and, be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop Train-the-Trainer programs on human trafficking geared toward physicians, allowing them to better utilize assistance from community organizations and train other physicians.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	The commission has formed a team to address the resolution.
S1-108	Achieving Universal Health Care as a Basic Human Right	Not Adopted	
S1-109	<p>Improving Obstetric Hospital Privileges for Family Physicians RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for improving hospital privileges for family physicians in providing obstetrical care, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for keeping maternity wards open in rural and underserved areas.</p>	Reaffirmed	
S2-201	<p>Firearm Safety Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop centralized resources for the purpose of training residents and medical students on screening and discussing gun safety.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science sent lateral referral to Commission on Education	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</p> <p>Currently, there are multiple sources for medical students, medical school faculty and others to learn about gun violence information and techniques for inviting patients to discuss gun safety. The AAFP currently has curated information on its web sites that include tips and sources in its policy and award-winning journal (online, digital and in print). The AAFP along with collaborators in organized medicine want to create evidence-based strategies by engaging in research on the issue. Supplementing the AAFP resources are many organizations including a nonprofit with nearly 45 medical</p>

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			<p>student chapters located in the U.S. medical schools. Based on the current evidence, there seems to be sufficient, readily accessible information to medical students, family medicine residents and others.</p>
S2-202	<p>Increasing PrEP Access and Affordability Through Promoting Generic Production and Improving Cost-Sharing Programs</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a statement in support of the renewal and procedural simplification of co-pay coupon programs that seek to improve the affordability and accessibility of name brand Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians communicate with the appropriate federal authority to intervene in the apparent pay-for-delay agreement postponing generic Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis production, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for specific research funding to increase the number of U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis medications and formulations.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</p> <p>The AAFP supports the use of PrEP for HIV in its policy, "Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted and Bloodborne Infections." The United States Preventive Services Task Force has issued a draft recommendation for the use of PrEP in individuals at increased risk for HIV. As an "A" recommendation, PrEP would be covered under the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, the AAFP continues to advocate for fair pricing of pharmaceuticals and increased access to evidence-based interventions. The AAFP currently has two policies addressing generic drugs and pricing. The policy, "Generic Drugs," supports the production of affordable generic medications and believes such medications should be readily available for family physicians to prescribe. The AAFP also supports legislation insuring the availability of effective, safe and affordable medications in its policy, "Generic Drug</p>

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			Pricing—AAFP Legislative Stance.”
S2-203	A Single Ideal Diet	Not Adopted	
S2-204	<p>Improving Training, Networking, and Dissemination of the EveryONE Project</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians and its partners develop biannual webinars, limited-seating office hours, or other web-based trainings focused on the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the EveryONE Project, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians disseminate a quarterly newsletter featuring case studies of successful implementations of the EveryONE Project, including, but not limited to, how the EveryONE Project has led to increased non-medical referrals and partnerships, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop regional working groups focused on health equity, including, but not limited to, providers who are currently implementing the EveryONE Project tools, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the creation of a data registry for EveryONE Project users, with the ultimate goal of using this data to inform primary-care delivery, research, and other areas of health care policy, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians examine the possibility of small seed funding for practice-based research projects focused on the implementation of the EveryONE Project.</p>	<p>Resolved Clauses #1, #2, #4 and #5—Accept for Information</p> <p>Resolved Clause #3-- Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</p> <p>The AAFP and its Center for Diversity and Health Equity are in the process of disseminating The EveryONE Project resources more widely and are building a health equity alliance by providing AAFP chapters with mini-grants and technical assistance for developing data-driven health equity plans.</p>
S2-205	<p>Supreme Court Nominee Statement</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians release a statement calling for the U.S. Congress to only confirm Supreme Court nominees who have a history of supporting expansion of affordable access to health care, as well as upholding reproductive rights under Roe v. Wade.</p>	Accept for Information	
S2-206	<p>Maintaining and Advancing Obstetrical Care Within Family Medicine</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support members wanting to practice obstetrical care, including surgical obstetrics, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians promote continued obstetrical training by forming an AAFP committee to promote the expansion of obstetrics within family medicine and obstetrical privileges for family physicians to help fill the need in underserved communities, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family</p>	Reaffirmed	

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	Physicians contact the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to consider collaboration to provide obstetrical care in underserved communities.		
S2-207	<p>Inclusion of Harm Reduction Principles into Medical School Curriculum</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians draft a letter to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education supporting the inclusion of broad-scope harm reduction principles in medical school curriculum, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop educational content as a resource for members to provide information on harm reduction principles and their application in medicine and community health.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>1st resolved clause Accept for Information In reference to the first resolved clause, the AMA liaison attending the COE meeting indicated that the LCME receives requests similar to this frequently and does not support or take a stand on curriculum. His suggestion was to contact the deans of schools directly or the AAMC Group on Educational Affairs who might be able to help in different venues to accomplish this ask.</p> <p>2nd resolved clause approved by Board Chair 2/11/19 It was the consensus of the COE that this resolved clause be referred to the Commission on Health of the Public and Science because it is not within the scope of the COE.</p>
S2-208	<p>Supervised Injection Facilities as Harm Reduction to Address Opioid Crisis</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop policy in support of the creation of facilities that provide a supervised framework and enhanced aseptic conditions for the injection of self-provided illegal substances with medical monitoring, with legal and liability protections for persons working or volunteering in such facilities and without risk of criminal penalties for recipients of such services.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</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>

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S2-209	In Support of Synthetic Cannabinoid Treatment Strategies and Research RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for research on the prevalence, effects, and implications of synthetic cannabinoid use to better inform providers on how to clinically manage synthetic cannabinoid usage.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree The commission is developing a position paper on cannabinoids.
S2-210	Nutrition Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide more educational opportunities at the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students and/or online education material/modules for medical students, residents, and physicians focusing on nutrition.	Commission on Education	Agree with Modification (with recommendation of the Board) RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide consider providing more educational opportunities at the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students and/or online education material/modules for medical students, residents, and physicians focusing on nutrition. While the National Conference has included a wellness/lifestyle medicine exercise-focused workshop each year, only one nutrition course [focusing on older adults] has been offered in the last 10 years [2015]. The AAFP staff could add nutrition to the suggested workshop topics.
S3-301	Routine Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse the inclusion of Adverse Childhood Experiences' (ACE) education in medical student and family medicine residency training, and be it further	1 st Resolved Clause— Commission on Education	Agree with Modification The AAFP currently encourages and supports ("endorses") ACE screening and treatment and specifically addresses the topic in the AAFP

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			Curriculum Guideline titled, Adolescent Health (AAFP Reprint No. 278) recommending that family medicine resident learners be provided training so that they can assess exposure to adverse childhood experiences in each adolescent patient's life, counsel on conflict resolution and trauma theory and jointly decide with the patient about appropriate referrals and interventions. The AAFP also makes available to student and residents learner content from its freely available CME portfolio and peer reviewed journals with the latest article on the topic published in May 2017 by Dr. Anita Ravi. This article includes information and links to organizations such as the National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.
	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for research studying the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences' (ACE) screening and treatment on long-term health outcomes.	2 nd Resolved Clause— Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree The commission is developing a policy statement on adverse childhood experiences that it expects to send to the board for consideration at its July 2019 meeting.
S3-302	Puerto Rico's Primary Care Physician Exodus RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians in coordination with the Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians study the causes of the primary care physician exodus, and be it further	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on	COD Resolution No. 615 was referred to the Board of Directors.

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	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with the Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians to find plausible solutions to address the physician shortage in Puerto Rico.	same topic takes precedence.	
S3-304	Family Medicine Residency Resource Improvements Program	Not Adopted	
S3-305	Mental Health First Aid in Clinical Education	Not Adopted	
S3-306	Opioid Epidemic Funding and Solutions RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians release a statement supporting the use of Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act funding for evidence-based and patient centered care for patients already suffering from opioid addiction who are disadvantaged by socioeconomic and insurance status, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians release a statement supporting the use of Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act funding to support the ability and training of family physicians in medically underserved and low resource areas to provide evidence-based and patient-centered pain and addiction management.	Reaffirmed	
S3-307	Support for Family Medicine Residency Sponsored Addiction Clinics RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine to explore the creation of a toolkit that family medicine residency programs can use in establishing and maintaining suboxone training for resident physicians.	Commission on Education	Agree with Modification (with recommendation to the Board) The AAFP is placing emphasis on opioid use disorder treatment using Medication Assisted Treatment. The AAFP Substance Use Disorder Curriculum Guideline was updated in 2017 and does include knowledge of suboxone and methadone for treating opioid use disorders. Appropriate resource tools already are available through the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors Program Directors Toolbox. A concerted effort will be made when planning educational workshops for residency program directors and staff to

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			include sessions related to training residents about Medication Assisted Treatment. This has been forwarded to the PDW-RPS Planning Committee per Karen Mitchell.
S3-308	Increase Diversity of AAFP Board of Directors RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians establish three positions on the Board of Directors, one each for under-represented minorities, IMGs, and LGBTQ physicians in order to increase the representation and visibility of these constituencies at the highest levels of AAFP leadership.	Accept for Information	
S3-309	Including Physician Health in the AAFP Mission RESOLVED, That the mission of the American Academy of Family Physicians be changed to "The Mission of the American Academy of Family Physicians is to improve the health of patients, families, physicians, and communities by serving the needs of members with professionalism and creativity."	Accept for Information	
S3-310*	Oppose "Fetal Personhood" Terminology in Governmental Policies and Legislation RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly oppose the use of non-evidence based fetal personhood language including but not limited to "fetal personhood," "child in utero," "unborn child," "a human being at any stage of development," in policies and legislative initiatives.	Resolution from Congress of Delegates (COD) on same topic takes precedence.	COD Resolution No. 509 was adopted
Late Resolution	Against Minors Being Treated as Adults by the Criminal System RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians will take a position against trying minors as adults, imprisoning minors in adult jails and prisons, or sentencing minors to life imprisonment, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians will support rehabilitative treatment and educational services for imprisoned juveniles as well as evidence-based programs for alternatives to incarceration such as Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC), Multisystemic Therapy (MST), and Functional Family Therapy (FFT).	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	The commission has formed a team to address the resolution.