



Summary of Actions of the 2019 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents

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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, National Conference of Constituency Leaders or Congress of Delegates

Res. No.	Subject	Action of Congress	Recommended Referrals
R1-401	Oppose Criminalization of Physicians Providing Abortion Care RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly oppose any law or proposed law which would criminalize physicians for providing abortion care.	Reaffirmed	
R1-402*	Increasing Family-Centeredness at AAFP Meetings Substitute: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider providing onsite options for child care services at AAFP events, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) adjust its recommendations regarding children at AAFP meetings to state "Out of consideration for others, please use your best judgment regarding bringing children to continuing medical education events."	Substitute Adopted	EVP for consideration of action
R1-403	Opposing Restrictions on Federal and State Funding for Abortion Services RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) endorse the principle that women receiving health care paid by health plans funded by state or federal governments should be provided with access to the full range of reproductive options regarding pregnancy, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians partner with American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to develop position papers to defend federal and state funding sources that protect access to safe and legal abortions across the United States; and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians engage in advocacy efforts to overturn the Hyde Amendment and other restrictions on federal and state funding for abortions.	Reaffirmed	

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R1-404*	<p>Affirming the Safety and Legality of Abortion RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians affirm the legality of Roe v. Wade in the form of a policy statement, and, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians partner with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in developing position papers to defend access to safe and legal abortion across the United States, and, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the right of family physicians to provide medication abortions with mifepristone and aspiration abortions in their practices.</p>	Adopted	Accept for Information
R1-405	<p>National Vaccination Registry RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians establish a policy in support of a national vaccination registry for patients of all ages that follows an opt-out model with mandatory reporting from all entities that administer vaccinations.</p>	Reaffirmed	
R1-406	<p>Prescribing Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder in the Primary Care Setting RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for methadone maintenance treatment within primary care clinics without a required separate federal license.</p>	Adopted	Commission on Health of the Public and Science
R1-407	<p>Support Placement and Coverage of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) in the Early Postpartum Period RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support a policy that Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive methods be a recommended option for postpartum women prior to hospital discharge, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support a policy assuring coverage of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive devices and placement prior to hospital discharge, separate from the global fee, for all women who select these methods, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students submit a resolution asking the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates to support a policy that Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive methods be a recommended option for postpartum women prior to hospital discharge, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students submit a resolution asking the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates to support a policy</p>	Reaffirmed	

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	assuring coverage of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive devices and placement, separate from the global fee, prior to hospital discharge for all women who select these methods.		
R1-408	<p>Advocacy for Removal of Buprenorphine Prescription Restrictions</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support legislation recommending the deregulation of buprenorphine administration in office-based outpatient medication-assisted therapy, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians amend current policy to include the deregulation of buprenorphine as a possible mechanism to encourage medication-assisted therapy in the community.</p>	Adopted	Commission on Health of the Public and Science
R1-409	<p>Ensure Affordable Access to Medical Treatments Developed on University Campuses</p> <p><u>Substitute as Amended on the floor:</u></p> <p>RESOLVED, The American Academy of Family Physicians develop curricula so that all future and current family physicians receive independent, evidence-based education on the drug development and approval processes, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, The American Academy of Family Physicians work with its partners through the Council of Academic Family Medicine and those medical professional societies within the Group of Six to call on universities and academic medical centers to ensure that all medical treatments invented, discovered, or developed on their campuses are made accessible and affordable for patients both within the United States and worldwide, particularly in low- and middle-income countries</p>	Adopted as Amended on the floor	Commission on Education
R1-410*	<p>Denounce Race-based Medicine</p> <p><u>Substitute:</u></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians adopt a policy that speaks against the use of race as a proxy for biology or genetics in management guidelines, and that identifies race as a social construct, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support members in critically evaluating their use of race in research and clinical practice, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support research to investigate indicators alternative to race to stratify medical risk factors for disease states.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Health of the Public and Science
R2-501	<p>Increasing Awareness of Opportunities for Advocacy Activities Through AAFP</p> <p><u>Substitute:</u></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore ways of raising awareness of advocacy opportunities available to student and resident members.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Governmental Advocacy

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R2-502	<p>Potential Screening and Treatment for Health Conditions Related to Poor Water Quality Substitute: RESOLVED, That American Academy of Family Physicians develop clinical guidelines related to exposure to poor water quality, lead, and mercury in children and adults.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Health of the Public and Science
R2-503	<p>Advanced Electronic Health Record Training for Reduction of Physician Burnout RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians amend policy to recognize the importance of necessary and appropriate advanced provider Electronic Health Records training for reduction of administrative burden and physician burnout, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians study the current data regarding Electronic Health Records (EHR) training for providers with the goal of creating a set of recommendations regarding optimal EHR training for reduction of burnout.</p>	Adopted	Commission on Quality and Practice
R2-504	<p>Improve Transparency and Communication of FamMedPAC Substitute: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) examine best practices among professional societies including outside the health care profession to align political action committee funds with organizational stances and values including methods for receiving feedback from general membership towards ensuring that FamMedPAC's donations are congruent with AAFP's policies and improving communication on which AAFP's policies take priority each legislative year, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians request the FamMedPAC to prepare an annual report to ensure transparency and accountability of distribution of donations from student, resident, and physician members, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians request the publication of the minutes of the proceedings of the FamMedPAC on their website to be available for all AAFP members, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians allow members including residents and students to earmark their contributions towards specific candidates or issues to ensure accountability of where such funds are directed, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the Congress of Delegates.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Board Chair—Accept for Information

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R2-505	<p>Gender-Affirming Care for Adolescent Patients RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians specifically support gender-affirming care for children and adolescents, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose any legislation limiting gender-affirming care for children and adolescents.</p>	Reaffirmed	
R2-506*	<p>Increase Gender Affirming Therapy Training in Family Medicine Residencies <u>Substitute:</u> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with relevant stakeholders such as the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to research ways to improve gender affirming therapy education in residency programs in order to improve competency rates among future family physicians.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Education
R2-507*	<p>Making Gender and Sexual Minority Information Universal for All EHRs <u>Substitute:</u> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage electronic health records (EHR) vendors to make data affecting sexual and gender minority patients universally incorporated into their EHR products.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Quality and Practice
R2-508*	<p>Single Payer Preference for Health Care Reform <u>Substitute:</u> RESOLVED, That single payer be the preferred system of the American Academy of Family Physicians in efforts for health care reform.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Accept for Information
R2-509	<p>Reciprocal Resident Membership RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to make an American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists membership available for family medicine residents similar to the junior fellow membership available for obstetrics and gynecology residents, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider offering a membership option for obstetrics and gynecology residents.</p>	Adopted	Accept for Information
R3-601	<p>Addressing Unforeseen Family Medicine Residency Closures RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a policy to assist and support family medicine residents in the unforeseen circumstance that their residency program shuts down.</p>	Adopted	Commission on Education
R3-602	<p>Crisis Response Plan Need In Case of Hospital Closure/Filing of Bankruptcy RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to install a crisis response plan in cases of hospital closure/filing of bankruptcy that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designates first responders such as ACGME, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 	Adopted	Commission on Education

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	<p>program directors and legal support;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes/Nominates committees responsible to collect residents' information; • Establishes communication means amongst residents and first responders; • Establishes policy towards media; • Designates emergency funds to help transitioning residents acquire records from closing hospital/program; • Assists in identifying and selecting 2-3 legal firms that can advocate for residents, speak on their behalf, be in a position to offer advice, and help support litigation if needed; • Establishes official advocacy entities: AAFP, American Medical Association, ACGME. • Lobbies to create new regulations to facilitate expedited resolution of crisis, and, be it further <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Review Committee to establish monitoring of hospital financial operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residency programs to communicate and scrutinize financial health of hosting/teaching hospitals in an effort to recognize failing signs; • Establish close monitoring/auditing of resident slots and funding available prior to hiring residents and monitor closely during training; • Establish process to monitor financial trajectory of teaching hospitals and monitor regularly. 		
R3-603	<p>Separation of Immigrant Children from Families in the Border Substitute: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians 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, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate with Health and Human Services to implement alternatives to family separation and long-term detention of family units.</p>	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Health of the Public and Science
R3-604	<p>Hospital Closure and Resident CMS funding RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians intercede on behalf of residents at Hahnemann University Hospital for the quick release of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) graduate medical education (GME) funds to residents of closing programs.</p>	Adopted	Commission on Education

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R3-605	Hospital Closure and Institutional Accreditation RESOLVED, That American Academy of Family Physicians lobby the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Review Committee to install a crisis plan that expeditiously determines institutional accreditation of threatened residency programs during circumstances of hospital closure, such that these programs may change sponsorship with minimal delay in resident training.	Adopted	Commission on Education
R3-606	Federal Acknowledgment and Support of Residents at Safety Net Hospitals RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby for legislation which implements financial protection and support plans for residency training programs at safety net hospitals at risk for sudden closure.	Adopted	Commission on Education
R3-607	Retention of Resident Training Records Due to Program Closure <u>Substitute:</u> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Federation of State Medical Boards, and other key stakeholders to investigate a program closure policy, that residents and fellows impacted shall not endure the financial burden of record retention and that the responsibility be placed upon the sponsoring institution.	Substitute Adopted	Commission on Education
R3-608	AAFP Immigrant and Refugee Health Physician and Resident Education <u>Substitute:</u> RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support physician education on the unique health care needs of all immigrant and refugee patients, regardless of documentation status, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop educational resources, such as a workshop or toolkit, aimed at increasing physician knowledge regarding the health and wellbeing of all immigrant and refugee patients, regardless of documentation status, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider opportunities (such as workshops, sessions) at the 2020 AAFP National Conference addressing health care delivery to all immigrant and refugee patients.	Substitute Adopted	1 st & 2 nd Resolved Clauses-- Commission on Health of the Public and Science 3 rd Resolved Clause— Commission on Education