



# 2022 Agenda for the Reference Committee on Health of the Public and Science

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National Conference of Constituency Leaders

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# Resolution No. 3001

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1 Doulas Advocacy in Family Medicine

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3 Submitted by: Crystal Nwagwu, MD, General Registrant  
4 Alex Harsha Bangura, MD, New Physician  
5 Safiya McNeese, MD, General Registrant  
6 Jane Simpson, DO, Women  
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9 WHEREAS, The number of severe maternal morbidity rates continues to be on the rise in the  
10 United States, and  
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12 WHEREAS, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) in its committee  
13 opinion Number 766 in February 2019, reaffirmed in 2021, recognizes the use of one-to-one  
14 emotional support provided by support personal such as a doula is associated with improved  
15 outcomes of women in labor, and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Scope of Practice for Midwives and  
18 Doulas states doulas are associated with lower Caesarian section rates, fewer obstetric  
19 interventions, fewer complications, less pain medication, and shorter labor hours, and  
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21 WHEREAS, AAFP recognizes Doulas as patient advocates, helping to address the challenges  
22 women of color and rural women face in accessing medical and maternity care, and  
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24 WHEREAS, 17 states are in the process of passing or have passed legislation for doula  
25 Medicaid Reimbursement, and  
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27 WHEREAS, AAFP recommends as part of resident physician core curriculum and education,  
28 recognizing the importance of supporting use of doulas to improve several birth and postpartum  
29 outcomes, now, therefore, be it  
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31 RESOLVED, That the Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the incorporation of doulas in  
32 perinatal course as a standard of care.



## Resolution No. 3002

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1 Support In Lieu of Services as a Funding Mechanism to Address Social Determinants of Health

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3 Submitted by: Olusesan Olotu, MD, IMG  
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5 Janet Hurley, MD, FAAFP, General Registrant  
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7 WHEREAS, Social determinants of health (SDOH) have been long-established as a contributor to  
8 healthcare inequality and suboptimal health outcomes, and  
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10 WHEREAS, numerous studies have demonstrated improved health outcomes and lower  
11 healthcare costs when social barriers to good health are addressed, and  
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13 WHEREAS, most Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) often use administrative dollars  
14 to pilot SDOH projects, which can have a negative impact on the medical loss ratio and rate setting  
15 for subsequent years, creating a negative incentive for MCOs to expand these programs, and  
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17 WHEREAS, a new funding mechanism called “in lieu of services” (ILOS) has been established and  
18 approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which are medically-appropriate  
19 and cost-effective services offered by a managed care plan as a substitute for a Medicaid state  
20 plan covered service, with the expectation that payments for these services would lead to cost  
21 savings elsewhere for the patient, such as providing medically-tailored meals which may prevent a  
22 future hospitalization or asthma remediation services to prevent a subsequent emergency care  
23 visit, and  
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25 WHEREAS, several states, including California, Kansas, and Texas, have received CMS approval  
26 for in lieu of services for a subset of social factors, and  
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28 WHEREAS, California saw clear improvement in health outcomes and cost from their Whole  
29 Person Care Pilots that began in 2016, which subsequently enabled them to receive approval by  
30 CMS for payment of 12 social drivers of health under ILOS 1915(b) authority, in addition to  
31 approval for two additional social factors under 1115 Authority, and  
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33 WHEREAS, ILOS payment structure could provide a practical funding mechanism within Medicaid  
34 Managed Care in all states to address social determinants of health and improve health equity,  
35 now, therefore, be it  
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37 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a roadmap for state  
38 chapters that may enable them to better collaborate with their state health departments to seek  
39 funding for and receive authority to allow Medicaid Managed Care companies to use In Lieu of  
40 Services funding mechanisms to aid in addressing social determinants of health and health equity.



## Resolution No. 3003

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1 Support Transgender Child and Adolescent Athletes

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5 Victoria Otano, MD, LGBTQ+  
6 Lynn Fisher, MD, LGBTQ+  
7 Janelle Marra, DO, General Registrant  
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9 WHEREAS, More than half of transgender youth and adolescents have seriously contemplated  
10 suicide, and 94% of LGBTQ youth report the negative effect of politics on their mental health, and  
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12 Whereas, multiple state legislatures have either passed or are considering anti-transgender bills  
13 prohibiting participation in sports and athletic competitions in one's affirmed gender, and  
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15 Whereas, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) opposes discrimination based on  
16 sex or gender identity and supports gender-affirming care for sexual minority and gender-diverse  
17 people, now, therefore, be it  
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19 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) write and publish a policy  
20 statement in support of full and equal participation in sports and athletic competitions for  
21 transgender and gender-diverse children and adolescents in their affirmed gender and in  
22 opposition of discriminatory laws that prohibit such participation.



## Resolution No. 3004

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1 Social Determinants of Health: Expanding Screening and Service Reimbursement

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3 Submitted by: Cynthia Chen-Joea, DO, General Registrant  
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5 Natalie Trujillo-Aguirre, MD, Women  
6 Nicole Yedlinsky, MD, Women  
7 Alexis Harman, MD, General Registrant  
8 Taylor James, MD, Women  
9 Megan Early, DO, General Registrant

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11 WHEREAS, Social determinants of health (SDOH) have a major impact on people's health,  
12 wellbeing and quality of life, and are a root cause of health inequity, and

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14 WHEREAS, SDOH include access to nutritious foods, and a safe space for physical activity  
15 opportunities, and

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17 WHEREAS, physical inactivity is a significant cause of morbidity and mortality, and accounts for  
18 more than 11% of total health care costs that are estimated at \$117 billion annually, and

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20 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that around 12.3% of American  
21 households, or 15.6 million people, were food insecure, and studies show the cost burden of  
22 hunger is at least \$160.7 billion annually in the United States, now, therefore, be it

23  
24 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians supports and encourages universal  
25 screening for social determinants of health to include access to safe space for physical activity,  
26 and be it further

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28 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocates for comprehensive  
29 reimbursement for screening, evaluation, counseling and treatment to address social determinants  
30 of health by physicians and team-based care members.



## Resolution No. 3005

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1 Postpartum Morbidity and Mortality; Lowering the Rates of Depression and Cardiovascular Events

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3 Submitted by: Diana Flint, MD, Women  
4 Latonya Beatty, MD, IMG  
5 Sheala Jafry, MD, MS, FAAFP, Women  
6 Lisa Cassidy-Vu, MD FAAFP, Women  
7 Delicia Pruitt, MD, Minority  
8 Sara Conway, MD, Women  
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10 WHEREAS, The United States (U.S.) has the highest maternal mortality rate of any industrialized  
11 nation with approximately 26.4 deaths per 100,000 live births, and  
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13 WHEREAS, black women are five times more likely to die from pregnancy-related cardiomyopathy  
14 and blood pressure disorders than white women, and  
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16 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in pregnancy and during the  
17 postpartum period, including and up to the first year after delivery, and  
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19 WHEREAS, women have two to three times the incidence of depression as men during their  
20 reproductive years, and  
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22 WHEREAS, postpartum depression occurs in about 10 to 15 percent of new mothers in the U.S.,  
23 and depression is an independent risk factor for premature death, and  
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25 WHEREAS, women of advanced maternal age have higher rates of pregnancy complications, such  
26 as cardiovascular risk factors and diabetes, which is associated with higher risk of postpartum  
27 depression, now, therefore, be it  
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29 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to raise awareness to  
30 relevant stakeholders, hospital systems, payers, legislators, patients, American Academy of Family  
31 Physician members (physician, residents, medical students) about the increased risk of postpartum  
32 morbidity and mortality among marginalized populations, and be it further  
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34 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support postpartum accredited  
35 continuing medical education (CME) for American Academy of Family Physician members and  
36 advocate for legislative initiatives to fund education for other healthcare providers, patients, and  
37 health systems regarding the increased risk of postpartum morbidity and mortality associated with  
38 depression and cardiovascular events especially in marginalized populations, and be it further  
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40 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support research regarding why  
41 the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any industrialized nation.



## Resolution No. 3006

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1 Equity For Non-binary Service Members

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3 Submitted by: Kyle Kurzet, MD, LGBTQ+  
4 Janelle Marra, DO, General Registrant  
5 Rachel Carter, MD, IMG  
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7 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) previously supported gender  
8 equity by opposing the ban on transgender persons serving in the United States Armed Forces,  
9 and  
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11 Whereas, service members are not able to identify as non-binary within U.S. military administrative  
12 and medical records, and  
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14 Whereas, service members currently lack access to care for any gender-affirming treatments with  
15 the exception of behavioral health services, and  
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17 Whereas, military in other countries have already enacted policy allowing open service of non-  
18 binary service members without impacted readiness, now, therefore, be it  
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20 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians issue a statement in support of  
21 including non-binary identity options for service members in their service and medical record, and  
22 be it further  
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24 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the education of uniformed  
25 family physicians to provide comprehensive multi-disciplinary care to non-binary, gender-diverse  
26 patients within the U.S. military and expand access to gender-affirming care through in-person and  
27 telehealth options.



## Resolution No. 3007

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1 Filling Gaps in Mental Health Care for Children and Adolescents

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3 Submitted by: Hannah Ray, MD, Women  
4 Barbara Miller, MD, Women  
5 Heidi Yount, MD, Women  
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7 WHEREAS, The number of child psychiatrists in the United States (U.S.) is inadequate to meet the  
8 needs of the pediatric population in most states, as there are approximately 8,300 child  
9 psychiatrists practicing in the U.S. and over 15 million children and adolescents, and  
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11 WHEREAS, the ability to access child psychiatric services in many states is limited by patient  
12 family resources and location, and  
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14 WHEREAS, primary care physicians supply the majority of care for pediatric patients and  
15 encounter child mental health issues on a daily basis, but family medicine physicians have limited  
16 training in the area of child psychiatry, and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 13 to 20% of children  
19 living in the U.S. experience a mental health disorder yet only 22% of those who would benefit from  
20 treatment are receiving it, now, therefore, be it  
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22 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians financially support and advocate  
23 for the development of a pediatric psychiatric toolkit of resources and best practices for family  
24 physicians, and be it further  
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26 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians financially support the  
27 development of a training curriculum for family medicine residencies to increase education in the  
28 area of child psychiatry, and develop continuing medical education resources that provide  
29 additional education in child psychiatry for current practicing family physicians.





## Resolution No. 3008

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1 Eliminating Restrictions On Blood Donation by Sexual and Gender Minorities

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3 Submitted by: Kevin Wang, MD, FAAFP, LGBTQ+  
4 Anthony Wilson, MD, LGBTQ+  
5 Timothy Ott, DO, General Registrant  
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7 WHEREAS, Shortages in more than a decade are posing a concerning risk to patient care  
8 forcing clinicians to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions, and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to uphold its discriminatory  
11 policy regarding blood donation affecting members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,  
12 Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI+) community, and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation conducted a study showing over  
15 360,000 people would likely donate blood if the FDA removed its discriminatory ban, and  
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17 WHEREAS, the FDA, amid the coronavirus pandemic, relaxed its previous discriminatory policy  
18 allowing members of the LGBTQI+ community to donate blood after three months of abstinence  
19 to help address the blood supply shortage noticing no reported increase in transmissible  
20 disease, and  
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22 WHEREAS, multiple calls to end the discriminatory blood donation policy have been demanded  
23 from the California Insurance Commissioner, LGBTQI+ advocacy groups, the Massachusetts  
24 Medical Society, the Fenway Institute, and the American Medical Association, and  
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26 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has a policy opposing efforts  
27 to further restrict or limit eligibility of potential blood donors through a deferral period based upon  
28 non-evidence-based reasons, now, therefore, be it  
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30 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to remove the three  
31 month deferral period restricting the ability of sexual and gender minority people to donate blood  
32 products.