



2012 Agenda for the Reference Committee on Advocacy

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Resolution No. 1008

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1 Alternative Funding for Primary Care Graduate Medical Education

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13 WHEREAS, Over 60 million Americans lack adequate access to primary care due to a shortage
14 of primary care physicians in their communities¹, and

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16 WHEREAS, primarily due to lack of adequate funding, the number of residency positions is
17 limited; and

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19 WHEREAS, major funding for residency training positions comes from Federal and state
20 governments, increases in which are limited due to budgetary constraints, and

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22 WHEREAS, although 56% of patient visits in America are primary care, only 37% of physicians
23 practice primary care medicine², and

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25 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) already supports encouraging
26 and recognizing innovation in training that ensures future family physicians will meet the needs
27 of their patients in the context of their communities³, now, therefore, be it

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29 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work diligently with
30 government and private entities to create alternative funding opportunities to help stabilize
31 current primary care residency training positions and develop additional positions to address the
32 critical shortage of primary care physicians in our country.

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Resolution No. 1009

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1 Stop State Legislators from Practicing Medicine Without a License

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9 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) states that, “Quality
10 healthcare in family medicine is the achievement of optimal physical and mental health through
11 accessible, safe, cost-effective care that is based on best evidence, responsive to the needs
12 and preferences of patients and populations, and respectful of patients’ families, personal
13 values, and beliefs,”¹ and “supports the use of evidence-based and explicitly stated clinical
14 practice guidelines” that are “developed using rigorous evidence-based methodology,”² and
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16 WHEREAS, family physicians undergo over 20,000 hours of clinical training before being
17 permitted to practice independently³ while state and federal legislators are not required to
18 undergo any medical training or licensure, and
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20 WHEREAS, recent legislation mandated that physicians give patients inaccurate medical
21 information and inappropriately interfered with medical practice increasing cost without medical
22 benefit in a time of escalating health care expenditures^{4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12}, and
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24 WHEREAS, under H.R. 358, dubbed the "Protect Life Act"¹³ hospitals could refuse to care for a
25 pregnant woman with a life-threatening complication, and
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27 WHEREAS, although the above examples pertain to abortion care, a politically charged issue,
28 they open the door for inappropriate legislation of other controversial aspects of the physician-
29 patient relationship, and
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31 WHEREAS, the AAFP “opposes legislation that infringes on the matter or breadth of information
32 exchanged within the patient-physician relationship because of the potential harm it can cause
33 to the health of the individual, family and community,” and states that, “Physicians should be
34 free to have open and honest communication with patients about all aspects of health and
35 safety¹⁴,” and
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37 WHEREAS, the American Medical Association (AMA) “vigorously and actively defends the
38 physician-patient-family relationship and actively opposes state and/or federal efforts to interfere
39 in the content of communication in clinical care delivery between clinicians and patients,” and
40 “strongly condemns any interference by government or other third parties that compromise a
41 physician’s ability to use his or her medical judgment as to the information or treatment that is in
42 the best interest of their patients¹⁵,” now, therefore, be it
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44 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) oppose interference by
45 government or other third parties that compromise a physician's ability to use his or her medical
46 judgment as to the information or treatment that is in the best interest of their patients, and be it
47 further

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49 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) condemn newly
50 enacted federal laws that restrict the privacy of physician-patient-family relationships and/or that
51 violate the First Amendment rights of physicians in their practice of the art and science of
52 medicine, and be it further

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54 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) send letters to all
55 members of the Senate discouraging passage of H.R. 358, dubbed the "Protect Life Act" and be
56 it further

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58 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide constituent
59 chapters with information regarding the potential for state legislation to restrict the privacy of
60 physician-patient-family relationships and/or state legislation that violates the First Amendment
61 rights of physicians in their practice of the art and science of medicine, and offer model
62 language such as: The right to practice within the scope of a medical license supersedes any
63 existing or future legislative act.

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Resolution No. 1001

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1 Expiration of Expirations

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5 Mary Krebs, MD, New Physicians

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7 WHEREAS, Factors that lead to prescription prior authorization triggers on maintenance

8 medications are not likely to change, and

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10 WHEREAS, requiring repeated renewal of previously approved prior authorization of
11 maintenance medications raises costs in staff time, decreases efficiency, and wastes resources
12 in patient care, and

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14 WHEREAS, insurance companies often have different procedures for previously approved prior
15 authorization requests that change yearly, now, therefore, be it

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17 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate through its
18 resources, including government advocacy, corporate relations or other means, to work toward
19 the elimination of expiration dates of previously approved authorizations of maintenance
20 medications.



Resolution No. 1010

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1 Resolution to Remove Barriers to Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive Devices Use

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9 WHEREAS, Reproductive health care is part of comprehensive primary care and the American
10 Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) “is concerned about the sexual health of adults¹,” and

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12 WHEREAS, the AAFP Policy on Reproductive Decisions states, “physicians should seek to,
13 through extensive patient education and counseling, decrease the number of unwanted
14 pregnancies,”² but the disparity in unintended pregnancy in low income women increased by
15 29% between 1994 and 2001, and

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17 WHEREAS, long acting reversible contraceptive devices are a cost-effective contraceptive
18 method with a significant upfront cost^{2,3}, and

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20 WHEREAS, copper and hormonal intra uterine devices (IUDs) were the most cost-effective
21 reversible methods, with an estimated five-year cost of \$647 and \$930, respectively, and
22 Implanon costs \$650 -\$700.

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24 WHEREAS, oral contraceptives have an estimated total cost of \$3,381 over a 5-year period⁴,
25 and

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27 WHEREAS, there exists numerous recognized barriers to long acting reversible contraceptive
28 devices use, including lack of clinician knowledge or skill,^{5,6} low patient awareness of the
29 method⁷ and high upfront costs^{8,9}, and

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31 WHEREAS, Garipey (2011) found that 43% of women had no coverage for IUDs and that high
32 out-of-pocket expense was highly associated with failure to obtain an IUD, with non-white
33 women facing greater out-of pocket expense than white women¹⁰ and whereas other research
34 has shown that cost concerns are an important factor in contraceptive method choice and use¹¹,
35 and

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37 WHEREAS, unlike other medications or devices that usually decrease in cost the longer they
38 are on the market, the cost of IUDs has been increasing. In March of 2010, the average
39 wholesale price of the levonorgestrel IUD in the United States increased 43%, from \$586 to
40 \$843¹², now, therefore, be it

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42 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) reaffirm the Patient
43 Protection and Affordable Care Act support of no out-of-pocket cost for any contraception and
44 advocate for improved insurance coverage of IUDs, including adequate provider reimbursement

45 with regard to the current cost of the devices, and reduced out-of-pocket expenses for patients,
46 thus reducing barriers to Intra Uterine Device (IUD) use as a first-line option for most women,
47 and be it further

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49 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) endorse increased
50 resident and continuing medical education (CME) education on the use of intra uterine devices
51 (IUDs).

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Resolution No. 1002

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1 Anti-Bullying

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10 Theresa (Tess) Garcia, MD, Minority

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12 Jose Tiburcio, MD, Minority

13 Lori Carnsew, MD, FAAFP, Women

14 Kerry Pulliam, MD, New Physicians

15 Lara Mashek, MD, Women

16 S. Gail Martin, MD, Minority

17 Joanna T. Bisgrove, MD, New Physicians

18 Carolyn Forbes, MD, FAAFP, Women

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20 WHEREAS, Bullying is a significant problem, with an estimation by the Centers for Disease
21 Control and Prevention to be as high as 20% among high school students, and

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23 WHEREAS, the public awareness of bullying has increased with the advent of the Internet and
24 social media, and

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26 WHEREAS, cyber bullying is being recognized as an increasing problem, and

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28 WHEREAS, bullying can lead to serious academic, social, legal and emotional problems
29 including suicide, now, therefore, be it

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) update the bullying
32 policy to state: "Harassment and bullying in the school setting, on or off campus, including
33 online forums, for reasons including, but not limited to ethnicity, socioeconomic status, religion,
34 sexual orientation, gender identity, physical status, or other personal characteristics, have a
35 significant harmful effect on students and should not be tolerated," and be it further

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37 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) make evidence-based
38 resources to screen for and prevent bullying at patient and community levels available on a
39 single page of the AAFP website and any other suitable venues (eg. Scientific Assembly, AAFP
40 live clinical course, enduring materials).



Resolution No. 1003

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- 1 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Demographic Information
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3 Submitted by: Folashade Omole, MD, FAAFP, GLBT
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6 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recognizes a broad and
7 diverse set of families, and
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9 WHEREAS, the AAFP recognizes the importance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
10 (LGBT) health needs, now, therefore, be it
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12 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage all electronic
13 health record vendors (EHR) structure demographic identifiers in an open-ended manner so that
14 patients may self-identify both sexual orientation and gender.



Resolution No. 1004

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1 Transgender Care

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6 Andrew Goodman, MD, GLBT

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8 WHEREAS, Gender Identity Disorder is a medically recognized condition, and

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10 WHEREAS, persons with Gender Identity Disorder who are not provided care can suffer serious
11 psychological and physical issues including suicide, and

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13 WHEREAS, care for Gender Identity Disorder is lifelong and multifaceted including surgical,
14 hormonal, and psychological support and

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16 WHEREAS, this care is expensive and out of reach of many people, and

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18 WHEREAS, many insurers specifically exclude transgender care, and

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20 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has already resolved that
21 employers and health plans should not discriminate by actual or perceived gender in the
22 provision of prescription drugs and devices, elective sterilization procedures, and diagnostic
23 testing (2011 COD), now, therefore, be it

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25 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support efforts to
26 require insurers to provide coverage for comprehensive care of transgendered individuals
27 including medical care, screening tests based on medical need rather than gender, mental
28 health care, and, when medically necessary, gender reassignment surgery.



Resolution No. 1005

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1 GLBT Foster Care and Adoption

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6 WHEREAS, There is need for an increase in foster and adoptive parents, and

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8 WHEREAS, there are over 500,000 children in foster care on any given day in the United
9 States, and

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11 WHEREAS, same gender couples are raising children in at least 96% of all United States
12 counties, and

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14 WHEREAS, 34.3% of lesbian couples and 22.3% of gay male couples are raising children
15 compared with 45.6% of married heterosexual and 43.1% of unmarried heterosexual couples,
16 and

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18 WHEREAS, current AAFP policy on “Family” states that, “The family is a group of individuals
19 with a continuing legal, genetic, and/or emotional relationship. Society relies on the family group
20 to provide for the economic and protective needs of individuals, especially the children and the
21 elderly,” and

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23 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates
24 adopted a policy where the AAFP will “establish policy and be supportive of legislation which
25 promotes a safe and nurturing environment, including psychological and legal security, for all
26 children, including those of adoptive parents, regardless of the parents’ sexual orientation,” and

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28 WHEREAS, studies have shown there are no changes in outcomes with regards to children who
29 are raised by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) families including their sexual
30 orientation, now, therefore, be it

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32 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support the allowance
33 of adults to become foster or adoptive parents regardless of sexual orientation, and be it further

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35 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support legislation or
36 policies allowing same gender couples to co-foster or co-adopt children.



Resolution No. 1006

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1 In Sickness and in Health Equality for all Families

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9 Chandra Hartman, MD, FAAFP, GLBT

10 Sarah Lamanuzzi, MD, Women

11 Susan Hadley, MD, Women

12 Rebecca Rodriguez, MD, Women

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14 WHEREAS, The language of written federal law regarding unions and families, uses the word
15 marriage in over 1,100 legal statutes, and

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17 WHEREAS, the only way to achieve full legal equality for same gender families through our
18 federal legal system is to be married, and

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20 WHEREAS, the 2011 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates
21 passed a resolution in support of full legal equality for same-gender families to contribute to
22 overall health and longevity, improved family stability, and to benefit children of Gay, Lesbian,
23 Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) families, now, therefore, be it

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25 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support civil marriage
26 for same gender families in accordance with the 2011 Congress of Delegates resolution
27 regarding full legal equality for same gender families.