



# AAFP Commission Structure Changes

**Effective beginning with December 15, 2022 commission appointments  
(Nomination cycle begins July 15, 2022)**

As part of our ongoing efforts to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion throughout our work, we reviewed our leadership and governance structure and identified opportunities to expand engagement to a larger number of family physicians and remove barriers to participation. We are making the changes outlined below to the structure of commissions to expand inclusiveness of commission membership. These changes do not apply to the Commission on Finance and Insurance.

| <b>Overview of AAFP Commission Changes</b> |  |  |
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|  | <b>Before Dec. 15, 2022</b>  | <b>Beginning Dec. 15, 2022</b>   |
| <b>Number of members</b>                   | Varies by commission   | 22 members in each commission  |
| <b>Composition of members</b>              | Varies by commission   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 AAFP members (four new each year, one must be a new physician)</li> <li>• 1 liaison from Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in Family Medicine (DEI-FM)</li> <li>• 1 family medicine resident</li> <li>• 1 medical student</li> <li>• 1 Chapter Executive</li> <li>• Up to 2 liaisons from AAFP board of directors</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Chairperson</b>                         | Selected from fourth year commission members. Serve one year as chairperson  | Must be selected from eligible third year commission members. Serve one year as chairperson.   |
| <b>Term limits</b>                         | <p>One-year terms for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New physician member</li> <li>• Family medicine resident</li> <li>• Medical student</li> </ul> <p>Three-year term for Chapter Staff.</p> <p>All other members:<br/>One, four-year term (nonrenewable); can serve another term after sitting out of commission structure for at least one year.</p> | <p>One-year terms for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaison from Commission on DEI-FM</li> <li>• Family medicine resident</li> <li>• Medical student</li> <li>• Board of directors' liaisons</li> </ul> <p>Two-year term for Chapter Executives.</p> <p>All other members*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-year term with the option for one-two year extension.</li> <li>• Four-year term limit on any single commission.</li> <li>• No more than eight continuous years of service on all Commissions.</li> </ul> <p>* Time served as a resident or student member doesn't count towards these limits.</p> |
| <b>Meeting schedule</b>                    | Most commissions meet face-to-face two times per year. All commissions meet at the cluster held in January/February. All commissions except the Commission on Finance and Insurance and the Commission on Governmental Advocacy meet at the June cluster.  | All Commissions will meet in person each year as part of the AAFP Winter Cluster Meeting in February or March and virtually for AAFP Summer Cluster Meeting each June. In addition, all Commissions are authorized to meet virtually one time each year outside of these scheduled dates.  |