



Student 2 Consent Calendar

National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students
July 29-31,2021

- 1 **RECOMMENDATION: The Student 2 Reference Committee recommends the following**
2 **consent calendar for adoption:**
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4 **Item 1:** Reaffirm Resolution No. 201 on “Stance on Medical Student Mental Health”.
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6 **Item 2:** Not adopt Resolution No. 202 on “Insurance Reimbursement for Community Based
7 Organizations Providing Services to Meet Patients’ Social Determinants of Health”.
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9 **Item 3:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. 203 on “Marriage Equality for People with Disabilities”.
10 In lieu of Resolution No. 203
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12 **Item 4:** Not Adopt Resolution No. 204 on “Advocating for Public Trust in the COVID-19
13 Vaccines”.
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15 **Item 5:** Reaffirm Resolution No. 205 on “AAFP to Encourage Culturally-Relevant Lifestyle
16 Medicine Curriculum Within Training Programs with Goal to Improve Health Equity Within
17 Underserved Communities”.



Student 2 Reference Committee Report

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1 **The Student 2 Reference Committee has considered each of the items referred to it and**
2 **submits the following report. The committee's recommendations will be submitted as a**
3 **consent calendar and voted on in one vote. Any item or items may be extracted for**
4 **debate.**

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6 **ITEM NO. 1: RESOLUTION NO. 201: STANCE ON MEDICAL STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH**

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8 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage medical
9 schools to have increased access to face-to-face and, when not available, remote
10 mental health services available to students, and be it further

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12 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage medical
13 schools to continue to abide by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and
14 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act regulations in regard to counseling services
15 provided to medical students.

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17 One member spoke in support of the resolution noting the importance of mental health access,
18 especially during the pandemic. There was no testimony in opposition to the resolution. The
19 reference committee agreed with the spirit of the resolution but noted the new AAFP policy
20 "Learner Access to Mental Health Services" that was approved in July 2021. The reference
21 committee believed the policy addressed the resolved clauses in the resolution and
22 unanimously agreed to reaffirm the resolution.

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24 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. 201 be**
25 **reaffirmed.**

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27 **ITEM NO. 2: RESOLUTION NO. 202: INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY**
28 **BASED ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO MEET PATIENTS' SOCIAL**
29 **DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the
32 establishment of distribution centers for social services in vulnerable areas and support
33 existing community organizations that are already in place, and be it further

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35 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians should advocate for
36 insurance reimbursement for all community-based organizations providing services that
37 prevent illness and promote health, and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That these reimbursed services include services that address a wide range
39 of Social Determinants of Health, which are typically not reimbursed despite their
40 documented benefit in improving health outcomes.

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42 Testimony was heard in support of the resolution noting community-based organizations (CBO)
43 support a more equitable society and noting that social determinants of health can sometimes
44 be more influential than clinical interventions on health outcomes. One member stated that
45 CBOs are increasingly being utilized to help care for patients and will be more important in the
46 future. The reference committee believed the first resolved clause would be difficult and
47 prohibitively expensive for the AAFP to implement. The reference committee discussed the
48 second resolved clause and shared concerns that advocating for insurance payment to CBOs
49 would interfere with AAFP's advocacy priority of increasing payment to primary care as a
50 percent of the total health care spending. The reference committee noted that the third resolved
51 clause was stated as a whereas clause in support of the second resolved clause. In addition,
52 the reference committee considered that the second resolved clause could be satisfied by the
53 Academy's AAFP's policy, [Advancing Health Equity: Principles to Address the Social](#)
54 [Determinants of Health in Alternative Payment Models](#). Ultimately, the reference committee
55 agreed to not adopt the resolution.

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57 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. 202 not**
58 **be adopted.**

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60 **ITEM NO. 3: RESOLUTION NO. 203: MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR PEOPLE WITH**
61 **DISABILITIES**

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63 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support that marriage be
64 accessible to people with disabilities without penalty of losing Supplemental Security
65 Income and Medicaid health insurance, and be it further

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67 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the
68 Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2021 (H.R. 3824/S. 2065) which will
69 redefine economic inclusion criteria of the Social Security Act, including but not limited to
70 the expansion of Supplemental Security Income eligibility and repeal of marriage
71 penalties.

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73 Testimony was heard from the author in support of the resolution, emphasizing the intent of the
74 resolution, to assure people the ability to marry without sacrificing their access to income or
75 health care. The reference committee considered the resolved clauses and testimony. The
76 reference committee reviewed the Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2021 (H.R.
77 3824/S. 2065) and discussed concerns the Act addresses more than the stated marriage equity
78 issue. The reference committee did not want to commit the AAFP to providing support for the
79 entire Act. The reference committee agreed to a substitute resolution, with only the language of
80 the first resolved clause, as they believed the first resolved clause provided support that would
81 allow the AAFP to take appropriate action to support marriage equity and access to SSI and
82 Medicaid.

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84 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**
85 **No. 203 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. 203 which reads as follows:**

86 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support that**
87 **marriage be accessible to people with disabilities without penalty of losing**
88 **Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid health insurance.**
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90 **ITEM NO. 4: RESOLUTION No. 204: ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC TRUST IN THE COVID-19**
91 **VACCINES**

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93 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly support and
94 promote the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, and be it further
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96 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly denounce the
97 misinformation surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine, and be it further
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99 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for all health
100 care providers to receive the COVID-19 vaccines unless they are unable to receive the
101 vaccine due to a medical condition, and be it further
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103 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recommend that
104 schools, colleges, and universities require their students be vaccinated before returning
105 to in-person schooling, and be it further,
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107 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop informational
108 posters, pamphlets, and media that target rural/underserved populations, that local
109 family medicine physicians can propagate throughout their communities.
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111 Testimony was heard in support of the resolution from two authors. The authors, acknowledging
112 the AAFP has already implemented the actions requested, offered a friendly amendment to the
113 resolution. The amendment removed all but the third resolved clause and offered two new
114 resolved clauses. The committee chose not to substitute adopt to include the resolutions of the
115 friendly amendment as the first two resolved clauses of the amendment addressed current
116 AAFP activity and the third appeared outside of the scope of AAFP's work and financially
117 prohibitive. The reference committee considered the five original resolved clauses and, finding
118 the AAFP has implemented each, unanimously agreed to reaffirm.
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120 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. 204 be**
121 **reaffirmed.**
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123 **ITEM NO. 5: RESOLUTION NO. 205: AAFP TO ENCOURAGE CULTURALLY-RELEVANT**
124 **LIFESTYLE MEDICINE CURRICULUM WITHIN TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH GOAL TO**
125 **IMPROVE HEALTH EQUITY WITHIN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES**
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127 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians actively encourage
128 lifestyle medicine including food as medicine curriculum in medical school and residency
129 training to promote holistic patient health, and be it further
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131 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage a dynamic,
132 culturally-relevant lifestyle medicine curriculum focused on practice within underserved
133 communities.
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135 Testimony was heard from the primary author in favor of the resolution. Physicians don't
136 consistently get as much lifestyle medicine training in medical school or residency as they
137 receive on medication management. The author also noted that poor quality diets lead to poor
138 health and that a strong background in lifestyle management is important in managing chronic
139 conditions. The author believed that it would improve health equity if there was a standardized
140 way to train lifestyle medicine. The reference committee agreed with the resolution and
141 unanimously agreed to adopt it.

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143 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. 205 be**
144 **adopted.**

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148 **I wish to thank those who appeared before the reference committee to give testimony**
149 **and the reference committee members for their invaluable assistance. I also wish to**
150 **commend the AAFP staff for their help in the preparation of this report.**

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152 Respectfully submitted,

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156 Morgan Weiler, Chair

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