



Summary of Actions: 2012 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents

July 26 – 28, 2012 – National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, Kansas City, MO

RESOLUTIONS

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 of Directors 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.

Res. No.	Title and Resolved	Referrals	Action <i>Options: Accept for Information, Reaffirm, Agree, or Agree with Modification</i>
R1-400	<p>Creation of Social Media Guidelines for American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Members</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create policy regarding use of social media by its member physicians.</p>	<p>Commission on Membership and Member Services (CMMS)</p> <p>Laterally referred to the AAFP Communications staff</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>To address this resolution, the AAFP Social Media/Communications staff developed and the “Social Media for Family Physicians: Guidelines and Resources for Success.”</p> <p>The complete guidelines can be found at this link: http://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/about_site/SocialMediaFamPhys.pdf</p>
R1-401	<p>Public Education on the Role and Function of Family Physicians</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) use existing staff talents and resources to develop an electronic media toolkit for constituent chapters and members to educate the public regarding the role and function of family physicians as comprehensive primary care providers.</p>	<p>Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar</p>	
R1-402	<p>FamMedPAC Student and Resident Involvement</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate student and resident involvement with the FamMedPAC Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Dual referral to: Commission on Governmental Advocacy (CGA) [lead]; and Commission on Education (COE)</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>As the lead commission on this resolution, CGA developed recommendations for the consideration of COE. COE agreed with resolution and agreed with the recommendation developed by CGA that AAFP designate the student and resident members of CGA as liaisons to the FamMed PAC board of directors. It was noted that the current student and resident representatives to CGA were supportive of this recommendation.</p>
R1-403	<p>AAFP Declaration of Support for Civil Marriage for Same-gender Couples</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support civil marriage for same-gender couples to contribute to overall health and longevity, improved family stability and to benefit children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) families, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That this resolution be submitted to the 2012 Congress of Delegates.</p>	<p>Congress of Delegates</p>	<p>Adopted</p> <p>The resolution became the following policy statement:</p> <p>Civil Marriage for Same-Gender Couples The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) supports civil marriage for same-gender couples to contribute to overall health and longevity, improved family stability, and to benefit children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) families. (2012 COD)</p>

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R1-404	<p>Resident and Student Representative on the Center for International Health Initiatives Advisory Board</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) request the Center for International Health Initiatives (CIHI) explore opportunities for resident and student representation on the advisory board.</p> <p>The modified resolution reads as follows: RESOLVED, That the Commission on Education (COE) ask the Center for International Health Initiatives (CIHI) to explore the appointment of a resident and a student to serve as members of its advisory board.</p>	Commission on Education (COE)	<p>Agree with Modification</p> <p>The COE agreed there is strong interest from the student and resident membership in global health activities and opportunities as it relates to family medicine.</p> <p>The resolution was modified as follows: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) <u>Commission on Education (COE)</u> request ask the Center for International Health Initiatives (CIHI) to explore opportunities for the <u>appointment of a</u> resident and <u>a</u> student representation on the <u>to serve as members of its</u> advisory board.</p>
R1-405	<p>Addition of At-large Appointed Resident and Student Members on the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Education</p> <p>RESOLVED, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors approve the addition of one resident member and one medical student member to the AAFP Commission on Education (COE) through the same process by which resident and students are appointed to all the other AAFP commissions, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, If one additional resident member and one additional medical student member are approved by the Board of Directors to the Commission on Education (COE), they will also serve on the COE Subcommittee on Resident and Student Issues (SRSI).</p>	Not Adopted	
R1-406	<p>Electronic Health Record Compatibility</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) establish a policy in endorsement of an electronic medical record file system that is specifically compatible across multiple electronic health record systems in an effort to allow the seamless sharing of protected medical data as patients move between medical providers.</p>	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	
R1-407	<p>Coordination of Care Payment for Transition from Pediatricians to Family Physicians</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for a Medicare payment solution to address care coordination efforts in the transition of patients with chronic and debilitating</p>	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	

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	conditions from pediatricians to family physicians.		
R1-408	<p>Rules of Order Revision Task Force RESOLVED, That the Resident (Student) Chair of the National Conference convene a task force with the goal of evaluating the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents (NCFMR) and National Congress of Medical Students (NCMS) bylaws and making recommendations back to the congress at the 2013 National Conference, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the Resident (Student) Bylaws Task Force be comprised of five residents (students) from the current resident (student) leadership and one additional at-large resident (student) and be chaired by the Resident (Student) Chair of the National Conference or their designee, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the Resident (Student) Bylaws Task Force work independently of the Commission on Education to develop a set of recommendations for their amendment of the bylaws for preliminary submission to the Board of Directors at their May 2013 meeting for comment prior to the final recommendations to be made at the 2013 National Conference.</p>	Not Adopted	
R1-409	<p>International Medical Graduates (IMGs) and Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) Licensure Parity RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop policy supporting parity in the number of months of graduate medical education training required for international medical graduates and U.S. medical graduates to obtain a full and unrestricted state medical license.</p>	Commission on Education (COE)	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The variation in state requirements and the inability to assess the quality of international residency programs makes it impossible to determine a sound policy for parity.</p>
R1-410	<p>Endorse Inquiry and Reporting of Post Vaccination RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) strongly endorse family physicians to inquire about post vaccination adverse reactions, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create programming to include, but not limited to, continuing medical education webinars and online toolkits to educate physicians</p>	Not Adopted	

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	how to appropriately report any clinically significant event occurring after vaccination to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, even if the physician is not certain the event is caused by the vaccine.		
R2-500	Vaccine Safety Communication RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) make family medicine residency programs aware of the Vaccine Safety Communication curriculum.	Commission on Education (COE)	Agree Information about the available vaccine safety curriculum and a link to this information will be posted on the resident page of the Academy's website.
R2-501	State Support of Resident Research RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage its constituent chapters to develop additional opportunities for medical students, residents and faculty members to present research.	Dual referral to: Commission on Education (COE) [lead]; and Commission on Membership and Member Services (CMMS)	Agree A specific recommendation was made to survey constituent chapters regarding research opportunities for residents and students. Results of the survey will be shared as best practices with chapters and they will be encouraged to develop opportunities for presentation of research at the chapter level. The COE discussed new ACGME scholarly activity requirements and how residents are looking for new ways to present research activities and projects. By providing opportunities to present at chapter meetings, this accomplishes the needs of engaging new members groups and building the pipeline of future members, as well as giving residents more opportunities. The CMMS agreed with the recommendation of the COE to agree with the resolution and to conduct a survey of chapters regarding opportunities for students and residents to present research.
R2-502	FDA "Safe Drug" Classification RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) continue to actively oppose the creation of a new "Safe Drug" classification by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) giving pharmacists limited independent prescribing ability.	Moved to Reaffirmation Calendar	
R2-503	Postponement for Mandate of State Supplied Vaccines in Connecticut RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work with the Connecticut chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians, and the Connecticut State Medical Society to delay the plans of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management proposal that mandates the use of only state supplied vaccines, until February 1, 2014, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work with all its chapters that	Not Adopted	

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	may find themselves in the situation of experiencing a decrease in the immunization rate as a direct result of mandating only state supplied vaccines be administered to children residing in that state.		
R2-504	<p>Community Health Needs Assessment RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage its members to be actively involved in the development and implementation of Community Health Needs Assessments conducted by non-profit hospitals and health care systems as mandated by Section 501(r)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p>	Commission on Quality and Practice (CQP)	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The CPQ considered the resolution that is in response to a provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) of 2010 requiring nonprofit, tax-exempt hospitals to complete a community health needs assessment (CHNA) every three years, and to adopt an implementation strategy to address the identified needs. The AAFP has not received any inquiries from members seeking to learn more about CHNA's and to date has not prioritized development of related materials. The commission noted that it would be more beneficial for members to be directed to organizations that have established tools and resources.</p>
R2-505	<p>Improving Public Awareness of Emergent and Non-Emergent Care RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) explore ways to educate the public on what constitutes emergent versus non-emergent care, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) improve public awareness regarding the advantage of family medicine physicians versus emergency medicine physicians in the management of primary care conditions.</p>	Not Adopted	
R2-506	<p>Commending Lyndia Flanagan RESOLVED, That the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents commend Lyndia Flanagan for her service to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), especially for her commitment to the future of family medicine at the National Conference.</p>	<p>Executive Vice President for appropriate staff referral</p> <p>Perry Pugno, MD / Stan Kozakowski, MD</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Lyndia Flanagan was presented with a framed copy of this resolution.</p>
R2-507	<p>End-of-Life Care RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) amend their policy on Ethics and Advanced Planning for End-of-Life Care to state "Family physicians should continue to support the medical, psychological and spiritual needs of dying patients and their families by initiating advanced directive discussions and end-of-life planning during times of health," and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) promote the incorporation of</p>	<p>Commission on Quality and Practice (CQP)</p> <p><i>Laterally referred to the Commission on Health of the Public and Science</i></p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The CHPS decided to add the language of the resolved clauses to the policy entitled, "Ethics in Advanced Planning for End-of-Life Care" in the section entitled "End-of-Life Care."</p>

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	advance directive discussions as a part of routine outpatient health maintenance.		
R2-508	<p>Contraceptive Access via Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) strongly endorse its support for universal access to contraceptives.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science (CHPS)	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>Staff consulted with Government Relations Division, and it was determined that this access would be covered under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).</p>
R2-509	<p>Breastfeeding Accommodations for Trainees who are Nursing RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support reasonable accommodation for medical students and residents who are breastfeeding.</p>	Commission on Education (COE)	<p>Agree</p> <p>There was unanimous support for developing a policy statement that supported accommodation for trainees who are breastfeeding, especially since the AAFP has had a long-standing and visible policy around the positive aspects of breastfeeding. There was discussion on separate policy statement for trainees vs. practicing physicians. The policy might be better situated to address those who are less likely to control their own environment, students and residents.</p>
R2-510	<p>Organized Access to Community Resources for Wellness and Healing RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage and promote constituent chapters to appoint a member-comprised task force to collect, maintain, and update an online directory of community resources available for wellness and healing.</p> <p>The modified resolution reads: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage chapters to share community resources on wellness and healing with members at the state level through their communication vehicles (website, newsletters, etc.).</p>	Commission on Membership and Member Services (CMMS)	<p>Agree with Modification</p> <p>The CMMS was informed that a small number of chapters provide wellness resources for members. However, as each chapter varies in number of staff and organizational capacity, it may not be feasible for each chapter to manage a task force and/or online directory. The commission discussed that chapters have a hard time engaging volunteers. Developing an online list of resources would be an ongoing task and the information would quickly be outdated. It was also noted that many medical schools have this information readily available. The commission voted to agree with the resolution with a modification.</p> <p>The resolution was modified as follows: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage and promote <u>constituent chapters to appoint a member-comprised task force to collect, maintain, and update an online directory of <u>share</u> community resources available for <u>on</u> wellness and healing <u>with members at the state level through their communication vehicles (website, newsletters, etc.).</u></u></p>
R2-511	<p>Health Policy Internship RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Government Relations staff create a one month rotating student and resident internship which meets the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Develop legislative knowledge and grassroots advocacy skills (2) Learn about specific issues in health policy (3) Understand how various governmental bodies and agencies affect the practice of medicine (4) Educate other medical students, residents, and young 	Dual referral to: Commission on Governmental Advocacy (CGA) [lead]; and Commission on Education (COE)	<p>As the lead commission on this resolution, the CGA developed recommendations for the consideration of the COE.</p> <p>COE decided to postpone to time certain the decision in order to gather more information. The creation of a working group to investigate and report back to SRSI was recommended and established.</p>

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	<p>physician AAFP members about issues in public health and health policy to encourage activism and leadership in local communities</p> <p>(5) Develop and strengthen skills in advocacy, policy analysis, writing, computer literacy for presentation, interpersonal and relationship-building skills, and managerial skills, and be it further</p>		
	<p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Health Policy Internship be available only to student and resident members of the AAFP who will be selected through an application process, and be it further</p>		
	<p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Health Policy Internship be offered to students and residents during times of federal appropriations, legislative sessions, and during the fall term as determined by Government Relations staff, and be it further</p>		
	<p>RESOLVED, That students and residents participating in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Health Policy Internship be encouraged to attend the Family Medicine Congressional Conference.</p>		