



Summary of Actions of the 2017 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents

July 27-29, 2017 – Kansas City, MO

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 Chair 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. **Pending outcome of resolution(s) before the Congress of Delegates*

Res. No.	Subject	Referral(s)	Action <i>Options: Accept for Information, Consistent with Current Policy, Agree (with recommendation to the Board), Agree with Modification (with recommendation to the Board), or Refer to Another Commission</i>
R1-401	<p>Supporting the Reduction of Adverse Childhood Experiences RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support and advocate for legislation that will fund community efforts and interventions aimed at preventing and reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree with Modification The modification will be to develop a policy statement that outlines the AAFP's stance on best practices for community efforts and interventions aimed at preventing and reducing adverse childhood experiences.
R1-402	<p>Advocacy Against All-Terrain Vehicle Use in Children Under 12 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recommend against the use of all-terrain vehicles by children under the age of 12, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for legislative and regulatory action against operation of all-terrain vehicles by children under the age of 12, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians promote community and public health education and awareness regarding dangers of all-terrain vehicle use in children under the age of 12, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop guidelines regarding counseling pediatric patients and their families on all-terrain vehicle safety.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree with Modification The commission will incorporate the elements of the resolution into the existing policy statement titled "Motorized Recreational Vehicles" and will address the discrepancy between the age 12 reference in the resolution's title versus the law which requires individuals to be 16 to use an all-terrain vehicle.
R1-403	<p>Establishing a Nationwide Fast Food Chain Tax to Combat Obesity and Comorbidities</p>		
R1-404*	<p>Screening, Intervening, and Advocating to Address Food Insecurity RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support efforts to screen</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	Agree The resolution's intent is being addressed by the AAFP's Social

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	<p>patients for food insecurity, using tools like the validated Hunger Vital Sign™, and connect patients to federal nutrition programs and resources, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a policy to support a strong and effective national nutrition safety net for vulnerable, low-income individuals by protecting and defending federal nutrition programs from block grants, structural changes, and budget cuts, and by ensuring all people in the United States have access to the nutrition they need to live healthy and productive lives, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians educate its members on the health implications of food insecurity, health benefits of federal nutrition programs, promising interventions to address food insecurity in health care settings, and advocacy opportunities to address food insecurity at the local, state, and national level.</p>		<p>Determinants of Health Toolkit, which includes a screening tool for food insecurity.</p>
R1-405	<p>Family Physicians as Public Health Advocates and Collaborators</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore and collaborate with appropriate entities to help family physicians function as community advocates for public health or public health officer, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore the development of an educational toolkit and curriculum to provide family medicine physicians with the necessary evidenced-based knowledge and tools to function as community advocates for public health or public health offices.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Agree with Modification</p> <p>The modification is to develop a toolkit in cooperation with public health organizations that prepares and equips family physicians for official public health leadership roles, such as a public health officer or medical director of a public health organization. The toolkit will also help prepare family physicians for unofficial public health leadership roles, such as advocating for high quality public health services in one's state or local jurisdiction and collaborating effectively with state and local health departments.</p>
R1-406*	<p>AAFP Stance on Health Care as a Human Right</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recognize that health care is a basic human right for every person and not a privilege.</p>	<p>Commission on Governmental Advocacy</p>	<p>COD Adopted on the floor as amended</p> <p>To be included as policy statement on the AAFP policy website</p>
R1-407	<p>Addressing Loopholes in Background Checks Prior to Gun Sales</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians release a statement to address loopholes that allow individuals convicted of violent crimes or assault to purchase guns in the United States from private sellers without a background check.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>The subcommittee will incorporate elements of the resolution into the existing policy statement titled Preventing Gun Violence in Medical Facilities. The commission expects to consider the policy revision by Fall 2018.</p>

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<p>R1-408</p>	<p>Supporting the Safety of Personal Care Products RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support legislation to protect the public from dangerous personal care and beauty products including making previously approved agents available for research, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians demonstrate this support by writing a letter to the appropriate senators, congress people, committees, and bodies, particularly the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension, encouraging them to support legislation giving the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) more oversight over beauty-product safety, including the Personal Care Products Safety Act and urging more investment to the National Toxicology Program for more rigorous scientific testing.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	<p>The commission is researching this issue prior to taking action.</p>
<p>R1-409</p>	<p>Establishing a Nationwide Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax to Combat Obesity and Comorbidities RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians release a statement endorsing a nationwide sugar-sweetened beverage tax as a measure that would improve the health of all Americans.</p>		
<p>R2-501</p>	<p>Student Loan Refinancing Program RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians study the feasibility of creating a loan refinancing program in partnership with a financial institution to reduce the effect of loans on physicians' finances and student choice.</p>		
<p>R2-502</p>	<p>Make a Statement Opposing Department of Health and Human Services Department Cuts to the Reproductive Health Programs and Funding RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians issue a statement in support of reproductive health access and education programs and against the cuts to such programs by the Department of Health and Human Services.</p>	<p>Commission on Governmental Advocacy</p>	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</p> <p>CGA recognized that the AAFP had been active in supporting funding for reproductive health programs and opposing cuts</p> <p>https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/advocacy/workforce/title-vii/TS-HouseAppropriations-FY2019Priorities-042618.pdf</p> <p>https://www.aafp.org/media-center/releases-statements/all/2018/joint_principles_for_protecting_the_patient_physician_relationship.htm</p>
<p>R2-503</p>	<p>Improve Physician Wellness Through Providing Travel Credit from Commercial Airline Partners</p>		

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R2-504	<p>Harm Reduction Strategies to Prevent Opioid Overdose-related Events RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians collaborate with partners in developing harm reduction strategies, including safe injection facilities.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	<p>Agree</p> <p>The American Medical Association has agreed to support pilot facilities for safe injection sites, and the AAFP delegation to the AMA supports this action.</p>
R2-505	<p>Supporting Family Physicians in Advocating for Healthier Practice Environments</p>		
R2-506	<p>Implementing Objective Assessment of Resident Physician Burnout RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage and/or collaborate with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to develop objective measures to quantify resident physician burnout.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>Much work is being done at the organizational level by ACGME, AAFP, AFMRD and STFM, as well as at the program level to address resident burnout and wellness. Assessment tools are available through multiple sources. Asking residencies to submit data to measure burnout on a national scale would be burdensome to programs.</p>
R2-507	<p>The Medicare and Medicaid Funding Shortage-Impact for Puerto Rico RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support equal funding for Medicaid and Medicare in Puerto Rico similar to the 50 states and District of Columbia, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to uncap Puerto Rico's federal Medicare and Medicaid Funds.</p>	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	<p>Consistent with Current Policy</p> <p>CGA recognized NCFMR R2-507 as consistent with current policy priorities and activities.</p> <p>https://www.aafp.org/advocacy/informed/update/2018/feb-9-2018.html#priorities</p>
R2-508	<p>Addressing Unmet Need: Personal Financial Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians include education at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students addressing personal financial issues such as budgeting, insurance, tax planning and retirement planning, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the educator of a session at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students addressing personal financial issues be a certified financial planner who does not sell financial products to receive payment in the form of sales commissions.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Agree with Modification (with recommendation to the Board)</p> <p>Programming focused on managing student loans and employment agreements has been offered at National Conference for many years with consistently strong attendance. Loan repayment, budgeting and personal finance are included on the suggested topics list that is shared with potential workshop presenters. Since resolutions cannot instruct/require actions by the COE's Subcommittee on National Conference Planning, the COE Executive Committee agreed with modification of the resolution. RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider including include education at the National Conference of Family</p>

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			<p>Medicine Residents and Medical Students addressing personal financial issues such as budgeting, insurance, tax planning and retirement planning, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the educator of a session at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students addressing personal financial issues may or preferably be a certified financial planner who does not sell financial products to receive payment in the form of sales commissions. Approved by the Board at Dec 2017 meeting.</p>
R2-509	<p>Affiliating International Student Members with AAFP State Chapter RESOLVED, That international medical students be allowed to participate within the AAFP Student Congress as if they are American, domestic medical students, as long as they are members of the AAFP and their home state chapter.</p>	Commission on Membership and Member Services	<p>Agree with Modification</p> <p>The commission was in unanimous agreement that all medical students should be treated equally and allowed to enroll in the AAFP as Student members and serve in any student leadership position outlined in the bylaws.</p>
R3-601	<p>Creating an AAFP Minority Pipeline Program RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a professional and leadership development program incorporating additional elements including, but not limited to, formal mentorship opportunities, leadership training, and networking opportunities for underrepresented minority students and residents.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Agree (with recommendation to the Board)</p> <p>Directed AAFP staff to create a pathway into and through the many opportunities available for students underrepresented in medicine. Recommend to target students as early as possible during medical school to get engaged with their FMIG and the AAFP, and to make them aware of the many leadership and networking opportunities that the AAFP offers, including the discussion group and programming at NC, minority delegate opportunities, online communities, Member Interest Groups, the AAFP Foundation Emerging Leaders Institute, and the leadership positions available. Also, staff committed to enhancing current web content for minority medical students to provide more resources and direction for students to build their leadership skills and experience.</p>

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R3-602	<p>Inclusion of Medical Graduates Awaiting Residency Positions RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians and chapters investigate pathways for membership maintenance for graduates not yet in residency programs to stay connected to resources and continue to build on their passion for family medicine.</p>	Commission Membership and Member Services	<p>Agree with Modification</p> <p>The commission was in support of creating a “Transitional” membership category which would allow any Student member who has not matched into an accredited family medicine residency program the opportunity to continue their AAFP membership for a maximum of two years after the year they completed medical school.</p>
R3-603	<p>Milestone for Physician-to-Physician Hand-Offs on Patients Visiting from Out of City/Out of State</p>		
R3-604	<p>Explore Combing NCSM and NCFMR RESOLVED, That the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents and National Congress of Medical Students consider a limited number of joint student-resident resolutions at a joint Congress session.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>A similar resolution was proposed and not adopted by the Student Congress in 2017. At this time, without support of the Student Congress, staff sees no need for action.</p>
R3-605	<p>Improving Feedback on Student/Resident Resolutions RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore the development of an online resource summarizing downstream actions and appropriate staff contact information related to all adopted resolutions from the National Congress of Student Members and the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>A nearly identical resolution was submitted to the NCSM in 2010. Noted then and still true today is that it is likely that AAFP staff would need to devote considerable time to convert this information from the current format to a searchable database. Given the current number and volume of IT projects, it is likely that this request would be given lower priority. Currently, the past actions of the Resident and Student Congresses (1975-present) are available through a searchable PDF document that is posted on the NC website.</p>
R3-606	<p>Include the Papaya Workshop for Uterine Aspiration in the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students</p>		
R3-607	<p>Encouraging Holistic Selection of FM Residency Applicants RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a policy statement encouraging residency programs to utilize a more holistic method of selecting applicants to interview that does not overutilize the United States Medical Licensing Exam Step 1 or Step 2 scores or COMLEX scores, but also consider life experiences, educational background, and socioeconomic status of the applicants.</p>	Commission on Education	<p>Accept for Information</p> <p>The AAFP should not be mandating by way of policy the way programs select their applicants. Overall, there are more appropriate bodies like AFMRD to address the issue of using board exam pass rates in the accreditation evaluation of residency programs.</p>

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R3-608	Support Reproductive Health Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students Planning Committee support and encourage inclusion of reproductive health topics such as contraception, abortion, miscarriage, and options counseling for unintended pregnancy, as well as procedural topics such as intrauterine device insertion, uterine aspiration, and implant insertion at the meeting.	Commission on Education	Consistent with Current Policy Contraception and other women's health topics are included on the suggested topics list that is shared with potential workshop presenters. Women's Health Techniques is offered on an annual basis as a Procedural Skills Course, which describes and demonstrates IUD insertion. In 2017, seven workshop proposals on the topic were submitted, three of which were deemed by the committee to be duplicative with the Procedural Skills Course. The committee selected a proposal they thought was most applicable to the National Conference audience.
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