



Summary of Actions of the 2017 National Congress of Student Members

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, NCSM 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>
S1-101	Expanding "Housing First" Programs for People Experiencing Homelessness RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the expansion of the "Housing First" approach to homelessness.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S1-102*	Healthcare is a Human Right RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recognize that health care is a basic human right for every person and not a privilege.	Commission on Governmental Advocacy	
S1-103	Maximizing Representation of Racial and Ethnic Health Subpopulations in Data RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a public statement of support for changes to data collection so that subpopulations are identified in order to acknowledge and mitigate distinct health disparities, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the amendment and expansion of the White House Office of Management and Budget's "Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity" to have federal data collection reflect the demographics in America.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S1-104	Electronic Health Record Optimization Through Interoperability RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians will advocate for legislation to improve electronic health record (EHR) interoperability through a simple, secure interface.	Commission on Quality and Practice	
S1-105	Electronic Medical Records and Clinical Photography		

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S1-106	Improving EHR Inter-Operability via Smart Card Technology RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of smart card technology in the hands of patients as a means to improve electronic health record system inter-operability in the United States health system.	Commission on Quality and Practice	
S1-107	Combine NCSM and NCFMR		
S1-108	Improved and Expanded Medicare for All (Single Payer) RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians utilize its resources, draw upon its knowledge of population health, and capitalize on its political influence to advocate for Medicare for All.	Accept for Information	
S1-109	Actively Improving the Ethnic and Gender Diversity of the AAFP Board of Directors RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates, National Congress of Student Members, National Congress of Family Medicine Residents, and the National Conference of Constituency Leaders consider diversity when electing its representatives to the Board of Directors.	Accept for Information	
S2-201	Sunscreen in Schools RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly endorse allowing the use of sunscreen in schools without requiring a nurse's approval, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with and encourage AAFP constituent chapters to actively pursue policy at the state and local levels that allow the use of sunscreen in schools without requiring a nurse's approval.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-202	Sex and Gender-Based Medicine in Family Medicine RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a public statement encouraging the inclusion of sex- and gender-based medicine in clinical education, including but not limited to, medical school, residency, and continuing medical education programs.	Commission on Education	
S2-203	Resources for Physician Spouse/Significant Others to Address Physician Burnout RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore developing and making available tools and resources addressing physician-spouse/significant others relationship well-being.	Commission on Membership and Member Services	
S2-204	Update the AAFP Position and Policy on the Cash-Bond System to Reflect the Negative Impacts on Individual and Community Health RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore researching potential adverse health impacts of the cash-bond bail system.	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S2-205	CME for Gender Affirming Care for Transgender Individuals RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians have separate CME training for issues specific to health disparities among transgender patients and how to provide gender-affirming care as opposed to combining with		

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	<p>peripherally related topics, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate and support the position that gender-affirming care is a vital aspect of primary care for transgender individuals and should occur in primary care settings.</p>		
S2-206	<p>Advocating Investigation and Support for Lifestyle Medicine by AAFP</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of clinical lifestyle medicine and support its representation in medical student and resident medical education, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate a collaboration with American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) and the Lifestyle Medicine Education Collaborative (LMEd) and consider incorporating more lifestyle medicine (LM) resources into the AAFP website, and presentations and workshops into AAFP conferences.</p>	<p>Commission on Education</p> <p>Commission on Continuing Professional Development</p>	
S2-207	<p>Establishing the Routine Exchange of Preferred Pronouns and Name Between the Patient and Physician</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians will encourage training for doctors to routinely introduce themselves to patients with their preferred name and pronouns and then asking for the patient's name and pronoun preference, with consideration for non-binary nomenclature; such a routine can help normalize the physician's inquiry into and the respect of a patient's chosen identity.</p>		
S2-208	<p>Oppose Medically Unnecessary Genital Surgeries on Intersex Children</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the evidence for/against the medical necessity of genital surgeries performed on intersex children and consider developing a policy and educational materials on this issue.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	
S2-209	<p>Incorporating "Environmental Justice" in AAFP Communications</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore the concept of environmental justice and its application in AAFP policy and in future communications on climate change to emphasize that the health impacts of climate change are not felt equally by all populations, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider partnering with organizations such as Physicians for Social Responsibility, the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), to advocate for environmental justice issues nationwide.</p>	<p>Commission on Health of the Public and Science</p>	

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S3-301	<p>Support of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians communicate to the appropriate government entities including, but not limited to, Congress and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, opposition to budget cuts to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.</p>	Commission on Health of the Public and Science	
S3-302	<p>Preserve Funding for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs</p>		
S3-303	<p>Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program Support RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to the Department of Education and United States Congress in support of the continuation and expansion of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose the passage of H.R. 2725, the "Student Loan Lower Interest Rate and Lower Monthly Repayment Refinancing Act of 2017."</p>		
S3-304	<p>Establish an Accessible Online Minority Mentorship Program RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians establish and promote an online program for mentors including optional mentorship identifiers such as ethnic background, practice setting, clinical interests, gender identity, sexual orientation and religion.</p>	Commission on Education <i>Dupe with R3-601</i>	
S3-305	<p>Support Reproductive Health Education RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate on behalf of family physicians who perform and teach contraception, options counseling for unintended pregnancy, miscarriage management, and abortion care, many of whom are subjected to legislation or hospital restrictions that may limit scope of practice or training opportunities, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That planners of the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students support and encourage inclusion of reproductive health topics such as contraception, abortion, miscarriage, and options counseling for unintended pregnancy, as well as procedural topics like intrauterine device insertion and implant insertion at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.</p>		
S3-306	<p>Request for Increasing Emphasis on End-of-Life Care Planning RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore and incorporate education on end-of-life care into programming at the AAFP National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students or other appropriate educational venues.</p>		
S3-307	<p>Expanding Technology Utilization in the Primary Care Environment</p>		

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<p>S3-308</p>	<p>Decreasing Cost and Increasing Environmental Sustainability RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) explore opportunities to maintain and increase revenue for the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students using options that also reduce the need for paper production and more effectively influence attendees.</p>	<p>Commission on Education</p>	
<p>S3-309</p>	<p>Include the Papaya Workshop for Uterine Aspiration in the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students</p>		
<p>S3-310</p>	<p>Medical Student and Residency Advocacy Related to the American Medical Association Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update (RUC) Committee RESOLVED, That the student and resident branches of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) actively lobby the American Medical Association (AMA) to increase the representation of family physicians on AMA's Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC), and be it further RESOLVED, That the student and resident branches of the AAFP create a sub-committee or special designated member dedicated to RUC reform.</p>		