

Summary of Action: 2009 National Congress of Student Members

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Substitute Resolution No. S1-100 Standardization of Refugee Health Care

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) research and advocate for refugee health issues, including cultural competency and Medicaid reform to include standardization of health programs with appropriate physician reimbursement and extended coverage for refugees.

Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. S1-101 Reciprocity of a “Public Option” in the U.S. Health Care System

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support legislation containing provisions for a “public option” for health coverage in the U.S. that includes reciprocity and portability of that coverage between all 50 states, U.S. territories, and other U.S. sovereign domains.

Adopted

Resolution No. S1-102 Family Physicians Advocate for a Ban on Cell Phone Use While Driving

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support a ban on the use of cell phones while driving (except for emergency personnel), and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby U.S. Congress to pass legislation banning the use of cell phones while driving (except for emergency personnel).

Not Adopted as Amended

Resolution No. S1-103 Global Health Frequent Flyer Fund

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate the feasibility of creating a frequent flyer donation program that sponsors student airfare to enable participation in international clinical and/or research opportunities.

Adopted

Resolution No. S1-104 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Global Health Contact Database

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) augment their global health online resources by creating a searchable database (by location, language, and organization) to include a list of AAFP members who have participated in global health programs (both foreign and domestic) and who are willing to share their experiences and wisdom.

Adopted

**Resolution No. S1-105 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
Declaration of Support for the Families of Gay and Lesbian Couples**

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for the right of gay and lesbian couples to adopt children.

Not Adopted as Amended

Substitute Resolution No. S1-106 Inclusion of Geriatric Topics at National Family Medicine Conferences

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide expanded education for residents and students in geriatric medicine topics at future National Conferences.

Adopted

Resolution No. S1-107 Sleep Disorders: Future National Conference Topic

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) incorporate sleep disorders awareness and screening into future programs at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, thereby affirming the importance of recognizing the signs and symptoms of sleep disorders, such as sleep apnea, narcolepsy, and the parasomnias.

Adopted

Resolution No. S2-200 Expanding Sleep Disorders Curriculum Guidelines

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) expand the current sleep disorders curriculum guidelines to train residents on the importance of recognizing the signs and symptoms of sleep disorders, such as sleep apnea, narcolepsy, and the parasomnias.

Adopted

Resolution No. S2-201 Endorsement for a Public Plan Option

RESOLVED, That the National Congress of Student Members support the American Academy of Family Physicians' (AAFP) endorsement of a public plan option that values family medicine and primary care as well as provides comprehensive and affordable health care coverage for all.

Adopted

Resolution No. S2-202 Inclusion of a Public Option in Health Care Reform

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work with the U.S. Congress, the President of the United States, and all other relevant government bodies to ensure that any legislative reform to the U.S. health care system include a public option.

Reaffirmation Calendar

Substitute Resolution No. S2-203 Revise the Online American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Directory of Family Medicine Residency Programs

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) revise the current online AAFP Directory of Family Medicine Residency Programs to include the ability to search by multiple characteristics as determined by a medical student usability study.

Adopted

Resolution No. S2-204 Increasing United States Medical School Graduates Entering Family Medicine Residencies

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support the establishment of a national priority to double the number of United States medical school graduates entering family medicine residencies, based on 2009 statistics, by 2020.

Not Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. S2-205 Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Involvement in Humanitarian Programs

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) promote American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation humanitarian programs to Family Medicine Interest Groups (FMIGs).

Adopted

Resolution No. S2-206 Student Global Health Experience With Physicians With Heart

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate the creation of a dedicated student position for the Physician With Heart humanitarian project.

Adopted

Substitute Resolution S2-207 Promote Revised Graduate Medical Education (GME) Financing Rules for Rural Residency

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for graduate medical education (GME) financing to continue regardless of the training location of the resident.

Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. S2-208 Endorsing A 'Single-Payer' Model of Health Care Reform

RESOLVED, That the National Congress of Student Members of the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse the concept of a 'single-payer' method of health care financing as a viable method of health care reform.

Adopted

Resolution No. S3-300 Protect American Family Medicine Residencies

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) continue to actively promote increasing federal funding of family medicine residency programs including, but not limited to, Title VII and Medicare funding, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) continue to aggressively advocate for meaningful health care reform that supports debt reduction programs for those physicians who choose primary care specialties.

Reaffirmation Calendar

Resolution No. S3-301 Saving Costs by Including Coverage for Immigrant Populations

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby the U.S. Congress that national health care reform offer a public health insurance option that includes coverage for immigrant populations – legal permanent residents, naturalized citizens, refugees, and undocumented immigrants.

Reaffirmation Calendar

Resolution No. S3-302 Loan Repayment in Primary Care

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby the United States Congress, United States President, and all pertinent government bodies to expand loan repayment options for all physicians choosing to practice outpatient primary care.

Reaffirmation Calendar

Resolution No. S3-303 Multilingual Patient Education

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) expand its patient education handouts to be inclusive of the top five languages spoken in the United States.

Not Adopted

Substitute Resolution No. S3-304 Expand Multilingual Provider Education

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate the expansion of their resources to assist members who wish to seek further education in medical language fluency.

Adopted

Resolution No. S3-305 Medical Education Continuity of Care Curriculum

Recommendations

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommend to the Council of Academic Family Medicine to explore creating curriculum recommendations to incorporate a longitudinal continuity of care experience throughout medical school, such as a four-year weekly continuity clinic.

Adopted

Resolution No. S3-306 Prioritizing Loan Repayment/Debt Forgiveness

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) increase efforts on loan repayment programs and debt forgiveness by making lobbying for these items a priority.

Reaffirmation Calendar

Substitute Resolution No. S3-307 Rural Workforce Expansion

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate further promotion of the joint AAFP and National Rural Health Association (NRHA) position paper titled "Graduate Medical Education for Rural Practice."

Adopted

Resolution No. S3-308 Investigation of Collaboration With Midwifery Organizations to Address the Rural Perinatal Care Crisis

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate whether or not the mutual goals of Midwives & Mothers in Action, or MAMA, and the AAFP, regarding the provision of low-cost, evidence-based perinatal health care in rural areas, merit collaboration between the AAFP and any or all of the organizations that constitute MAMA, such as the International Center for Traditional Childbearing (ICTC).

Adopted

Resolution No. 800 Food Options at National Conference Social (late resolution)
RESOLVED, That a limit of two scoops of liquid cheese per person be imposed on the Thursday evening social buffet and, be it further
RESOLVED, That at least one unprocessed or natural option (fruit, vegetable, or meat product) be offered at the next National Conference social buffet line.
Not Adopted