

SUBJECT: Healthcare Discrepancies in LGBTQI Patient Population

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REFERRED TO: 2017 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 WHEREAS, health care discrepancies exist in the care of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
2 Transgender, Questioning/Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) patient populations; and
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4 WHEREAS, patient reluctance to report sexual orientation and behavior can lead to failure
5 to screen, diagnose, or treat important medical problems, and
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7 WHEREAS, physicians' nonjudgmental recognition of the sexual orientation and behavior
8 enhances the ability to render optimal patient care in both health and illness; and
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10 WHEREAS, current educational guidelines inadequately train physicians to
11 comprehensively care for the LGBTQI patient; now, therefore be it
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13 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)
14 encourages members of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic
15 Medicine (AACOM) and other educational groups to include and expand the Lesbian,
16 Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) health issues
17 in the curriculum for medical education; and, be it further
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19 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP explore opportunities to collaborate with other organizations,
20 focusing on issues of mutual concern, in order to provide the most
21 comprehensive and up-to-date education and information to physicians to enable
22 the provision of high quality and culturally competent health care to LGBTQI
23 patients.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 16, 2017