

SUBJECT: American College of Osteopathic Board Family Physicians Initial Board Certification

SUBMITTED BY: Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

REFERRED TO: 2018 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

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RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 WHEREAS, residents in Family Medicine Osteopathic Recognition (OR) Programs now have a choice  
2 whether to take the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) board  
3 certification exam or the American Board Family Medicine (ABFM) board certification exam;  
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5 WHEREAS, a large number of Family Medicine residents transitioning from American Osteopathic  
6 Association (AOA) to OR Programs are not taking the AOBFP board certification, due to choice  
7 or lack of information; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a gap in maintaining communication with Family Medicine Residents who have  
9 transitioned from AOA to Osteopathic Recognition Programs; and

10 WHEREAS, most Family Medicine physicians will continue to certify with the board with which they  
11 initially certify; and

12 WHEREAS, it is cost-prohibitive to obtain and maintain two Family Medicine board certifications; and

13 WHEREAS, the national ACOFP and individual state ACOFP Membership rates are not keeping pace  
14 with number of new Family Medicine residency graduates; and

15 WHEREAS, the future of the ACOFP lies with the generation of physicians graduating from Osteopathic  
16 Recognition Family Medicine programs; and

17 WHEREAS, continued osteopathic board certification is linked to continued involvement in osteopathic  
18 organized medicine, including the ACOFP and state ACOFP societies; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) recognize the need to  
20 encourage initial osteopathic certification by Family Medicine residents in Osteopathic  
21 Recognition (OR) programs, both nationally and at the level of the individual residency  
22 programs; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP create a task force, in conjunction with the American Osteopathic Board of  
24 Family Physicians (AOBFP), to address this new issue threatening the future of Osteopathic  
25 Family Medicine.  
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FINAL ACTION: DISAPPROVED as of MARCH 22, 2018 IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 16