

SUBJECT: Reaffirmation of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Position Statements Scheduled to Sunset – Consent Agenda

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee

REFERRED TO: 2018 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 RESOLVED, that Congress of Delegates of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
2 (ACOFP) reaffirms the ACOFP Position Statements scheduled to sunset and listed for Consent
3 Agenda, as recommended and submitted by the ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy &
4 Organization Review Committee.

5 Explanatory Statement: The ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee
6 met, reviewed and deliberated on each of the listed ACOFP Position Statements that are due to
7 sunset. The Committee recommends reaffirmation of those listed without any changes or
8 amendments.

9 **1. LEGISLATION/REGULATION**

- 10 1. Vaccine Availability - The ACOFP encourages the United States government and its regulatory
11 agencies to ensure that an adequate supply of vaccines be available to the American public.
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- 13 2. Preservation of Family Medicine Department in Hospital Setting - The ACOFP affirms that the
14 family medicine department is an integral part of all hospitals regarding education and the
15 provision of continuity of patient care from the in-patient to out-patient settings. Family
16 medicine hospital staff should remain an integral part of the medical staff structure and have an
17 opportunity to maintain a seat on the Hospital Medical Executive Committee, particularly in
18 hospitals that have family medicine residency programs.
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- 20 3. Reporting Electronic Health Records Software Errors to Physicians - The ACOFP requests that
21 vendors of electronic health records notify physician clients of reported software errors and
22 provide software updates, in a systematic and timely fashion as is standard in other industries
23 that correct these errors to enhance patient safety.
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25 **2. CERTIFICATION**

- 26 1. Mandatory Recertification of Physicians - The ACOFP opposes mandatory recertification as a
27 condition of physician licensure.

28 **4. OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

- 29 1. Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment - As members of the osteopathic medical profession, in an
30 effort to instill loyalty and strengthen the profession, we recall the tenets on which this
31 profession is founded – the dynamic interaction of mind, body and spirit; the body's ability to
32 heal itself; the primary role of the musculoskeletal system; and preventive medicine as the key
33 to maintain health. We recognize the work our predecessors have accomplished in building the
34 profession, and we commit ourselves to continuing that work.

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36 I Pledge To: Provide compassionate, quality care to my patients; partner with them to promote
37 health; display integrity and professionalism throughout my career; advance the philosophy,
38 practice and science of osteopathic medicine; continue life-long learning; support my profession
39 with loyalty in action, word and deed; and live each day as an example of what an osteopathic
40 physician should be.

41 **13. PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 42 1. HOMELAND SECURITY/War on Terrorism - The ACOFP supports the war on terrorism and the
43 continued development of appropriate homeland security measures.
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45 FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of MARCH 22, 2018