

SUBJECT: Scope of Practice of Osteopathic Family Physicians

SUBMITTED BY: Iowa Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

REFERRED TO: 2019 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 WHEREAS, Osteopathic family medicine is an essential component of the American
2 health care system, and
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4 WHEREAS, Osteopathic family physicians are trained in all body systems and many
5 procedures to help patients maintain and restore health, and
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7 WHEREAS, some insurance companies are refusing to pay Osteopathic family
8 physicians for providing some treatments even though they have been
9 trained to provide those treatments,
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11 WHEREAS, this practice delays or prevents patients from receiving needed care and
12 significantly increases health care costs; now, therefore be it
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14 RESOLVED, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) will
15 advocate that Osteopathic family physicians be allowed to provide care and
16 perform all procedures for which they have been trained; and, be it further
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18 RESOLVED, the ACOFP will, when necessary, educate insurers, regulators, and the
19 public on the ability of Osteopathic family physicians to provide particular
20 procedures and care.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 21, 2019