

SUBJECT: Interoperable Electronic Medical Records
SUBMITTED BY: Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
REFERRED TO: 2019 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 16

- 1 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act required all health care providers to
2 switch to electronic medical records (EMRs) by January 1, 2014 to maintain
3 reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid, and
- 4 WHEREAS, as of 2011, there are over 300 different types of electronic health record systems
5 on the market that rarely communicate amongst each other except via secondary
6 means, and
- 7 WHEREAS, the office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology report of
8 2016 indicated that 48% of physicians and 82% of hospitals share partial information
9 of patient information, and
- 10 WHEREAS, lack of access to patients' entire medical records creates more burden of seeking
11 information in the clinic and increases repetitive tests among all providers, and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Family Medicine for America's Health published in 2016 for a Principled
13 Redesign of Health Information Technology with the intent to seek comprehensive
14 access to health information among all health care providers; now, therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, that ACOFP encourages manufacturers of electronic health record (EHR) medical
16 systems to pursue efficient interoperability of all EMRs, requiring each to participate;
17 and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians works with the
19 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure collaboration of EMRs and
20 ensure that participants can meet Meaningful Use requirements more efficiently.
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Explanatory Statement:

The purpose of this resolution is to seek an efficient interoperability of the electronic medical records to ensure more efficient sharing of patient information amongst systems to ensure efficiency in clinical settings and reduce avoidable medical errors.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 21, 2019