

SUBJECT: Revisions to Sunsetting ACOFP Position Statements of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)

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

REFERRED TO: 2019 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 RESOLVED, that Congress of Delegates of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
2 adopts and approves the sunsetting ACOFP Position Statements as recommended and
3 submitted by the ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee.
4 (Old material crossed out, new material capitalized.)

5 **1. GME Funding for Residency Programs Using Volunteer Faculty**

6 The ACOFP supports the enactment of Federal legislation that increases and adequately
7 finances the training of osteopathic family medicine residents in ambulatory non-hospital
8 sites.

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10 The ACOFP supports the enactment of Federal legislation that clarifies Congressional intent
11 as established in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, allowing teaching hospitals and
12 physicians in non-hospital sites to enter into educational agreements to train osteopathic
13 family medicine residents regardless of financial arrangement.

14 *Committee Action: Recommended for approval.*

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16 **2. Tax Credits for Health Profession Shortage Area**

17 The ACOFP supports the establishment of tax credits for physicians who practice in federally
18 designated health professions shortage areas (HPSAs) or Medicare physician scarcity areas.
19 These tax credits should be available, on a sliding scale, to physicians who provide services on
20 a part-time basis in these communities.

21 *Committee Action: Recommended for approval.*

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23 **3. Certification Eligibility for New and Existing CAQs**

24 No new Basic Standard developed by the ~~Committee on Evaluation and Education (CEE)~~
25 COMMITTEE ON OSTEOPATHIC RECOGNITION & DEVELOPMENT (CORD) of the American
26 College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) for the ultimate purpose of gaining
27 Certification of Added Qualification status through the American Osteopathic Board of Family
28 Physicians (AOBFP) shall be approved or maintained by the ACOFP Board of Governors unless

29 the ACOFP Board receives the advanced assurance of the AOBFP that a pathway to that CAQ
30 will be provided for certified osteopathic family physicians for a minimum of five years.
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32 The following explanatory statement accompanies the Board's policies on certification
33 eligibility for future new CAQs and revisions to existing CAQ: It is the responsibility of the
34 ACOFP Board of Governors through its ~~CEE~~ CORD to establish Basic Standards for
35 postdoctoral training in osteopathic family ~~practice~~ MEDICINE. These Basic Standards are
36 submitted to the Department of Education Affairs of the AOA for approval. The AOBFP under
37 direction of the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS) is responsible for the certification or
38 verification of competence in those subjects being taught in the postdoctoral training
39 programs. This verification process generates a primary certification for residents and/or a
40 Certification of Added Qualification (CAQ) for certified osteopathic family physicians. New
41 Basic Standards can be developed at any time for potential CAQs, but it would take a
42 residency program to implement them before an examination or certification process would
43 be generated by the AOBFP. It is the policy of the ACOFP Board of Governors not to approve
44 or maintain a Basic Standard for any new CAQ if that certification process does not contain a
45 reentry pathway (grandfather clause).

46 *Committee Action: Recommended for approval with editorial changes.*

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48 **4. Prescription Drugs – Direct Consumer Advertising**

49 The ACOFP continues to recommend that pharmaceutical company direct to consumer
50 advertising not be product specific. The ACOFP should work with the AOA to request
51 that state and federal governments adopt policies or legislation to promote disease-
52 specific public health education as the focus of direct to consumer advertising of
53 prescription medicines to the general public.

54 *Committee Action: Recommended for approval.*

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56 **5. Separate Osteopathic Match**

57 The ACOFP continues to support the separate osteopathic match that is currently in place.

58 *Committee Action: Recommended for approval.*

59 *EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws Committee keeps this in place*
60 *to support this year's match.*

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FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of MARCH 21, 2019