

SUBJECT: Consumer Drug Labeling with Country of Origin

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

REFERRED TO: 2021 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates (*submitted in 2020*)

RESOLUTION NO. 14

- 1 WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) is a strong supporter of
2 patient rights and well-being; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the ACOFP believes being knowledgeable is important to a patient's decision making; and
- 4 WHEREAS, most consumer goods are labeled with their country of origin; and
- 5 WHEREAS, prescription labels on patient specific bottles are often not labeled as to the country of
6 origin; and
- 7 WHEREAS, patients need to be better informed where their medications originate; now, therefore, be
8 it
- 9 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocate for clear
10 labeling of consumer prescription labels with the country of origin/manufacturing.

FINAL ACTION: REFERRED as of March 10, 2021

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The reference committee recommends we refer this back to the State Society in order to consider reworking the amendment to include ideas of medication safety and standard/safety compliance in lieu of Country of Origin, as that may be seen as inflammatory and/or discriminatory in nature.

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