

SUBJECT: Osteopathic Family Physician Competency in Delivering Reproductive Healthcare

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RESOLUTION NO. 15

- 1 WHEREAS, young women benefit from preventative reproductive health care; and ¹
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3 WHEREAS, increased insurance coverage is associated with increased use of preventative healthcare
4 services; and ²
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6 WHEREAS, family medicine physicians are one of the main access points to reproductive health care for
7 young women; and ³
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9 WHEREAS, utilization of health care for sexually transmitted infections (STI) among women under 26 is
10 below levels recommended by the US Preventive Services Task Force; and ⁴
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12 WHEREAS, non-white women are less likely to utilize STI-related health care, effectively use contraception,
13 and preventative reproductive health care than white women; and ⁴
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15 WHEREAS, the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of high-income industrialized nations;
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18 WHEREAS, the maternal mortality rates for non-Hispanic black women were significantly higher than rates
19 for non-Hispanic white and Hispanic women; and ⁶
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21 WHEREAS, there are significant gaps in the quality of sexual histories taken by primary care providers,
22 which are linked in part to provider comfort level and training; and ^{7,8}
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24 WHEREAS, patients prefer that their physicians initiate conversations about sexual and reproductive
25 health; now, therefore be it ^{7,8,9,10}
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27 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) encourages measures
28 which aim to increase physician competency in patient communication regarding reproductive and sexual
29 healthcare across all demographics; and be it further
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31 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP encourages additional educational measures for medical students, residents,
and physicians aimed at reducing maternal mortality and morbidity.

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