

Georgia Academy's AAFP COD Resolutions for 2024

Res (Georgia A) - Protecting Access to Assisted Reproductive Technology

Introduced by the Georgia Chapter

WHEREAS, Recent legislation targeting reproductive rights has created confusion around the legal status of pregnancies and embryos, and

WHEREAS, a recent court ruling in Alabama caused all assisted reproductive technologies to temporarily stop in the state due to concerns around criminalization of providers and/or patients, and

WHEREAS, a recent survey of 1,056 cis-gender female physicians found that 75.6 percent delayed family building because of training and 36.8 percent experienced infertility, and

WHEREAS, access to assisted reproductive technologies is an issue of reproductive justice and health, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support legislation at both federal and state levels that protects access to evidence-based assisted reproductive technologies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians opposes legislation at both federal and state levels that restricts or criminalizes any aspect of assisted reproductive technologies, including in-vitro fertilization.

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Res (Georgia B) - Partnering with MBA Programs to Enhance Business Acumen in Family Medicine

Introduced by the Georgia Chapter

WHEREAS, The landscape of healthcare delivery continues to evolve, necessitating a comprehensive understanding of both clinical and business aspects by family physicians, and

WHEREAS, as cited in many journals and publications, "Healthcare" in the United States is now strictly a business term, and

WHEREAS, family physicians are the most suitable specialists to fulfill nearly all executive or administrative positions due to their vast knowledge of various aspects of medicine, and

WHEREAS, family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students with an interest in family medicine would benefit from additional training in business management to effectively navigate the complexities of modern healthcare systems, and

WHEREAS, partnering with established Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs could provide an opportunity for family physicians to acquire business acumen through tailored program courses without disrupting their clinical responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, such courses could cover topics including but not limited to healthcare economics, contractual negotiations, practice management, leadership skills, and financial literacy, empowering family physicians to thrive in all healthcare environment formats, and

WHEREAS, fostering collaboration between the American Academy of Family Physicians and MBA programs can promote interdisciplinary learning and enhance the overall quality of healthcare delivery, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians' (AAFP) Congress of Delegates encourages the AAFP leadership to explore opportunities for partnering with an established Master of Business Administration (MBA) program to offer dedicated and affordable programs designed specifically for family physicians, and family medicine residents to obtain an MBA or an Executive MBA, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) shall report back no later than the 2025 Congress of Delegates with the findings of their research regarding the creation and/or implementation of a specifically designed Master of Business Administration (MBA)/Executive MBA course in collaboration with MBA programs, thereby providing transparency and accountability to the members of the AAFP.

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Res (Georgia C) - Advocacy for Student Loan Forgiveness for Family Medicine Physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas

Introduced by the Georgia Chapter

WHEREAS, The recent Association of American Medical Colleges report titled *The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections From 2021 to 2036* predicts a shortage of between 20,200 and 40,400 primary care physicians by the year 2036, and

WHEREAS, financial incentives include scholarship programs and tuition waivers for students who commit to family medicine, medical student educational loan forgiveness programs, and low interest loan programs for family medicine residents and practicing physicians, and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has defined payment of medical student debt and increasing financial incentives as one of the four pillars of primary care physician workforce reform, and

WHEREAS, the current programs of National Health Service Corps offer loan repayment commitment of 2 years with \$50,000 per year in non-rural areas and 3 years for \$100,000 per year in rural areas, and

WHEREAS, the average medical school graduate owes \$250,995 in total student loan debt, and the average medical school graduate owes four times as much as the average college graduate, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocates for additional programs that will repay student loans for family medicine graduates who work in areas recognized as health professional shortage areas defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

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