

**OREGON ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
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Resolution #2**

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Title: Advance Care Planning Education Initiative for Youth and Community

1 **WHEREAS**, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and its chapters, including the
2 Oregon Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP), support policies that uphold patients’ rights to
3 direct their medical care; and

4 **WHEREAS**, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the public remain insufficiently
5 informed about advance care planning (ACP), including its availability, benefits, and processes;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, ACP discussions are not consistently encouraged, supported, or reimbursed by
8 insurers, nor routinely initiated by healthcare professionals; and

9 **WHEREAS**, serious illness and injury may occur unpredictably at any age, underscoring the
10 importance of early ACP education; and

11 **WHEREAS**, current systems do not reliably ensure that individuals’ care preferences are known
12 or honored; and

13 **WHEREAS**, existing AAFP policies support advance directives, patient autonomy, end-of-life
14 care, and health literacy, **but do not specifically address early-life or community-based ACP**
15 **education**; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the OAFP supports incorporation of Advance Care Planning education,
17 including Advance Directives, into high school curricula (grades 9–12) to improve health literacy
18 and informed decision-making; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the OAFP supports the dissemination of Advance Directive information at
20 Department of Motor Vehicles offices at the time of driver’s license application and renewal.

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25 Department of Motor Vehicles offices at the time of driver’s license application and renewal.

26 **References (Including AAFP Policy Alignment)**

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