

**OREGON ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
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BOARD REPORT – RECOMMENDATION ON POLICY STATEMENTS TO BE REAFFIRMED

In fall 2019, the OAFP Board of Directors began a process to offer comprehensive updates to adopted policy statements collected in our policy handbook. While the work was de-prioritized due to focus on COVID-19 response, in 2023 the group met again to finish the project.

Because policy statements are derived from action of the Congress of Members, a subcommittee of the OAFP Board of Directors reviewed the entire handbook and identified policy positions that more than 10 years old, or that had no recorded reference date, that should be reaffirmed as current policy. This report contains policy statements your Board recommends be reaffirmed.

21. End of Life Care

The Academy will continue to educate its members about their role in caring for the dying and will promote the availability of improved palliative care options for the terminally ill and thereby encourage more effective home care for them.

26. Family Physicians Doing Obstetric Care

The Academy endorsed the Oregon ACOG prenatal form and encouraged its use by Academy members doing obstetrics. (May, 1988)

The Academy should continue to address the cost and availability of professional liability insurance necessary for rural family practice. (May 1988)

The Academy believes that family physicians should be reimbursed for intrapartum care when the patient is subsequently referred to an obstetrician for C-section. (May, 1990) May, 1991)

32. Gambling

The Academy supports limiting gambling advertising and will provide leadership in providing education regarding gambling addiction.

43. Hearing

The Academy strongly discourages the playing of music at decibel levels known to be damaging to the inner ear (in accordance with existing OSHA guidelines; and supports state legislation to limit decibel levels at entertainment centers. (May, 1986)

54. Medicaid Eligibility

The Academy requests the AAFP lobby Congress to repeal the proof of citizenship requirement for Medicaid eligibility.

81. Privileging

The Academy supports the AAFP disseminating information regarding core privileging and working with other specialty societies to embark on research that will determine minimum criteria for procedures to help credentialing entities fairly judge physicians' qualifications to perform them. (May, 1998)

97. Supporting Documentation

When the Congress is asked to support or oppose a ballot measure or legislation, a complete copy of the text must be made available.

98. Tanning Parlors

The Academy believes that it is appropriate that patrons of suntan parlors be made aware of the risks associated with repeated episodes of suntanning and supports legislation requiring suntan parlors to display clearly to patrons a sign warning of the ill effects of repeated suntanning. (May, 1981)

The Academy urges members to advise patients of the hazards involved in tanning. (May, 1982)

107. Workforce

The Academy supports health care reform that includes significant provisions for:

- enhanced educational opportunities and incentives for students to enter primary care disciplines, especially family medicine
- opportunities for students to attain loan repayment in return for service to underserved communities,
- increased financial support for primary care residencies
- reform of the current GME system to promote and achieve an appropriate balance of primary care to specialty care residencies of at least 50%

The Board recommends the Congress reaffirm these policy statements.