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**BOARD REPORT – RECOMMENDATION ON POLICY STATEMENTS TO REPLACE WITH
REFERENCE TO AAFP POLICY**

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 address an important topic that is still relevant, but that needed to be revisited in a comprehensive way.

The subcommittee examined existing AAFP policy statements on these topics, and recommends that rather than update OAFP policy, the Congress approves that the statements below on these policies be sunset, and that instead OAFP's policy handbook will specifically refer to AAFP policy on the following topics.

Reproductive Health

14. Contraception Information

The Academy supports revising the patient education site *familydoctor.org* to include up-to-date, comprehensive information about reproductive options including contraception, medical abortion, adoption and other alternatives. (May, 2004)

26. Family Physicians Doing Obstetrics Care

The Academy would do all in its power to have CNA amend its rules with respect to family physicians doing C-sections and numbers of deliveries, and discuss directly with professional liability carriers the problems of restrictions on qualified family physicians doing obstetrics (May, 1987)

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)

Obesity and Overweight

66. Obesity

The Academy supports implementation of the Healthy Active Oregon Statewide Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan and supports the AAFP Americans In Motion Program. The Academy supports clinic and community based programs, active community environments and legislation to support funding and implementation of clinical and community programs to address obesity. (May, 2004)

The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians join with other medical societies to introduce legislation in the state of Oregon to ensure commercial insurance coverage for evidence-based treatment of obesity for Oregon’s citizens (MAY 2023)

The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians introduce a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates to lobby Congress to advance equity in obesity treatment and to ensure insurance coverage for evidence-based treatment of obesity is available across the United States. (MAY 2023)

Environmental Health and Climate Change

13. Climate Change

The Academy will ask the AAFP to update their climate change and air pollution policy to specifically include language about “greenhouse emissions from human activities.” (March, 2016)

The OAFP supports local climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies which seek to realize the United States’ Nationally Determined Contribution by (1) endorsing state and federal legislation and regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions and (2) collaborating with other health professional and environmental organizations to promote ambitious action on climate change. (March 2016)

The Academy will ask the AAFP to draft a position paper comprehensively outlining the current, likely, and potential health effects of current and predicted climate change, including but not limited to heat-forced migrations due to sea level rise, pollution, increased severe weather events, famines and droughts. (April 2020)

The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians will provide its members and their staff with available resources, such as by posting links / resources on their website, that have already been developed to reduce the climate impact of their clinical practice and institutions. (April 2022)

The American Academy of Family Physicians provide its members and their staff with available resources, such as by posting links / resources on their website, that have already been developed to reduce the climate impact of their clinical practice and institutions. (April 2022)

The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians develop a plan to move toward carbon neutrality by 2030. (April 2022)

The American Academy of Family Physicians develop a plan to move toward carbon neutrality by 2030. (April 2022)

24. Environmental Radiation Releases (Hanford)

The Academy supports the performance of rigorous epidemiologic studies of adverse health effects in the population exposed to environmental radiation releases—the “downwinders”— and will convey support for scientifically valid assessment of exposure and effects to appropriate agencies, including the Oregon Health Division and the U.S. Department of Energy; and explore developing CME concerning health effects of radiation exposure. (May, 1994)

Substance use Disorders

15. Controlled Substances

The Academy recognizes that there is a place for narcotic analgesic management in some cases of benign chronic pain. (May, 1991)

The OAFP supports deregulating Buprenorphine administration by removing the X waiver.

The AAFP supports deregulating Buprenorphine prescribing by removing the X waiver. (April 2020)

The Board recommends adoption of these proposed policy handbook changes.