RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) solicit and support the development of updated CME programs and patient information resources on evidenced-based reproductive health topics, including natural family planning methods, and be it further REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9-2011 COD REFERENCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The author of this resolution expressed concerns regarding the appearance of a diffuse lack of knowledge regarding different methods of fertility awareness, suggesting limited familiarity among both residents and practicing physicians. Subsequent testimony was sharply divided regarding interpretation of data from studies regarding the efficacy of these methods. Several members felt a synthesis of data on this subject would be important, and called for an evidenced-based approach. One member highlighted the observation that improving awareness and training in these methods would be of ultimate benefit to patients. Others suggested referral of this resolution to commissions for further study. Considering supplemental information provided by the authors, conscientious deliberation by the reference committee resulted in the following substitute resolution (above).