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ACTION TAKEN BY THE 2017 CONGRESS OF DELEGATES: SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED

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Introduced by the New York State Chapter

Referred to the Reference Committee on Education

WHEREAS, The scope of family medicine is broad and the Member Interest Groups offer a unique window into the many different practice styles and therefore the breadth of training that many medical students seek out when looking for a residency program¹, and

WHEREAS, family medicine training can include abortion care, miscarriage management, colonoscopy, primary C-section, buprenorphine provision, hospitalist training, ultrasound training, global health opportunities, high volume maternity care, etc., and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no standard way for students to identify programs that provide training in specific areas, now, therefore, be it

Substitute:

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) survey various AAFP constituencies including Member Interest Groups, commission members, the National Conference of Constituency Leaders, and National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students to recommend searchable program characteristics that may be included in the AAFP residency directory, and be it further

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Fiscal Impact: Less than $10,000

Original resolved clauses submitted to the Congress of Delegates deleted (please see substitute adopted above):

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Background
The AAFP Residency Directory is a self-populated guide for individuals to use to search family medicine residency programs by location, community setting, residency program type, program size and a select number of other features. It is comprehensive in attempting to capture broad and comprehensive features of all ACGME-accredited family medicine residency programs.

Redesigning the residency directory from its current structure and function would require reprogramming by the AAFP Information Technology division and would require a significant financial cost.

Regarding individual procedures taught in residency training, a 2009 paper by Kelly, et. al. “Advanced Procedural Training in Family Medicine: A Group Consensus Statement” listed over 80 core and over 35 advanced family medicine procedures. 1 A second dimension regarding these procedures is whether they are required of all graduating residents; available within the home institution; or whether they may be available for any interested resident through special arrangements by the program.


Current Policy
None

Prior Congress Action
None

Prior Board Action
None

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