



## **RESOLUTION HOD 2016-03**

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**SUBJECT:** Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association Public Policy Principles

Check one:

- Resolution is intended for Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
- Resolution is intended to be submitted by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association for consideration of the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
- Resolution is intended for both the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association and for consideration of the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

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- 1 WHEREAS, the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) has been the voice  
2 for osteopathic physicians, students and patients for more than ninety years; and  
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- 4 WHEREAS, AOMA advocates for sound public policy at the state and federal level to  
5 promote and protect osteopathic medicine; and  
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- 7 WHEREAS, for AOMA to be more effective influencing public policy AOMA must have  
8 defined public policy principles to guide strategies to engage policy makers; and  
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- 10 WHEREAS, scope of practice encroachment is a constant threat and protecting the  
11 integrity of the osteopathic medical education and training, and ensuring quality and  
12 safe patient care is one of the Arizona Osteopathic Association's highest priorities; and  
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- 14 WHEREAS, graduate medical education, loan repayment, workforce development, and  
15 other programs are essential for ensuring there are enough physicians to provide  
16 services to the elderly and the growing population; and  
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- 18 WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursement to physicians in Arizona has been reduced by 12.9  
19 percent since 2009, and reimbursements through Medicaid and other government  
20 programs are falling below the cost of care; and  
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- 22 WHEREAS, additional unfunded mandates are being imposed on physicians so they are  
23 spending less time with patients; now, therefore be it  
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- 25 RESOLVED, the AOMA will develop and maintain Public Policy Principles to define and  
26 guide advocacy strategies; and, be it further  
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- 28 RESOLVED, that the AOMA oppose efforts by health professions to expand their scope  
29 of practice without a commensurate level of training and minimum standards to ensure  
30 safe, high-quality patient care; and, be it further

31 RESOLVED, that AOMA will work to lead and support efforts to expand residency  
32 programs and other initiatives to address physician workforce shortages; and, be it  
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35 RESOLVED, that AOMA will advocate for government programs such as Medicaid to  
36 provide sufficient reimbursement to physicians to cover at least the actual cost of  
37 providing care; and, be it further

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39 RESOLVED, that AOMA shall oppose any unfunded mandates on physicians unless  
40 there is a special exception for extenuating circumstances such as a public health  
41 emergency; and, be it further

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43 RESOLVED, that AOMA will bring forth additional public policy principles to promote  
44 and protect osteopathic medicine for physicians and patients.

Fiscal Impact (if applicable): None