

## House of Delegates Report

### Report of the AAFP Delegates to the Congress of Delegates

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#### **Summary of Actions of the Special Sessions of the 2021 Congress of Delegates**

January 22-23, 2021

Virtual Reference Committee Hearings of the 2021 Congress of Delegates

New Jersey Resolutions actions below:

**# 307:** Insurance Coverage for Sign Language Translation Substitute: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for payment of sign language translation services, including coverage by both public and private payers. Fiscal Note: None Extracted (Practice Enhancement Rec – **Substitute Adopted**)

**# 313:** Using Claims Data in Value-Based Programs for Tabulation of Compensation Rate RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for legislation and/or regulations that require value-based programs supplement data submitted by practices with claims data when tabulating completion rates for all quality metrics required in value-based contracts.

**Adopted**

**# 303:** Gender Affirming Therapies RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose any legislative measure that restricts a physician's ability and right to prescribe evidence-based gender-affirming therapies to their patients who desire them. Fiscal Impact: None

**Reaffirmed as current policy**

**# 524:** National Review of US COVID Response RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for the creation of an independent, 9/11-style commission both through an ad-hoc AAFP committee or task force and also at the federal government level which would have representation from practicing primary care physicians and be charged with the review of the nation's COVID response and the current and future status of the nation's public health system including its ability to protect the nation not only through the remainder of the COVID pandemic but in future public health emergencies. Fiscal Impact: None

**Not Adopted**

**# 411:** Preparticipation Physical Evaluation and Return to Sport Guidelines in the COVID-19 Era RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians put forth a position statement on interim preparticipation guidance and return to sport in the setting of COVID-19, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with other professional organizations to amend the existing standardized preparticipation physical evaluation form to be utilized by schools and youth athletic programs that addresses COVID-19 factors, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide

education to family physicians regarding return to sport guidelines after COVID-19 infection based on evidence-based research. Fiscal Impact: \$25,050

**Not Adopted**

**FYI # 515:** Opposing Physician Assistant Name Change RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with state chapters to oppose any legislation for the amendment or modification of their respective state statute defining “Physician Assistant”, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians continue to oppose Physician Assistants having independent practice.

**Reaffirm as current policy**

**Summary of all Virtual Reference committee actions:**

[https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/about\\_us/congress/restricted/2021/reference-committees/2021%20Summary%20of%20Actions%20With%20Referrals\\_Virtual%20Ref%20Comm%20Hearings\\_Feb22\\_BOD%20Chair%20Approval%20Final.pdf](https://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/about_us/congress/restricted/2021/reference-committees/2021%20Summary%20of%20Actions%20With%20Referrals_Virtual%20Ref%20Comm%20Hearings_Feb22_BOD%20Chair%20Approval%20Final.pdf)

**2021 Election results: held during the special session of COD September 27-28, 2021**

- Speaker of the Congress — Russell Kohl, MD
- Vice Speaker — Daron W. Gersch, MD, FAAFP
- Directors — Teresa Lovins, MD Indiana; Karen Smith, MD NC; Sarah Nosal, MD
- New physician Board member — Samuel Mathis, MD
- Resident Board member – Amanda Stisher, MD
- Student Board member – Amy Hoffman
- President-elect - Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAFP

The regular session of the 2021 Congress of Delegates scheduled February 5-6 in person in Kansas City, MO was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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