

1 **ACTIONS TAKEN ON MANDATES OF THE 2017 CONGRESS OF DELEGATES**

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3 **17-01 “MERIT-BASED INCENTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (MIPS) AND SMALL PRACTICES”**

4 RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) delegates to the American
5 Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) work to create AAFP policy that small practices be exempt from
6 Merit-Based Incentive Payment System

7 **Assigned to:** *AAFP Delegation*

8 **Action Taken:** *The resolution was submitted to the 2017 AAFP Congress of Delegates. The congress*
9 *reaffirmed part of the resolution as current policy and passed the following on to the AAFP Board of*
10 *Directors: RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for processes*
11 *within the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) that would provide*
12 *incremental pay increases for small practices that participate in any quality improvement activities*
13 *outside of the formal Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) structure.*

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15 **17-03: “PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS (PA)”**

16 RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) promote the appropriate use of
17 prior authorization for ONLY those initial requests and services that fall outside the standard of care as
18 defined by some national standard, and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that IAFP promote continuity of care when established therapeutic regimens are effective
20 at controlling a patient’s disease, and be it further

21 RESOLVED, that IAFP create policy that unless a health plan, pharmacy vendor or other payer source
22 can document that medical care or a specific service or pharmaceutical is NOT appropriate based on a
23 nationally recognized standard, they shall approve the request of the attending physician

24 **Assigned to:** *Commission on Legislation; Board of Directors*

25 **Action Taken:** *HB 1143 passed the legislature during the 2018 session. This bill will provide for*
26 *increased consistency, transparency, and accountability for insurance companies. Further detail may*
27 *be found in the annual Report of the Commission on Legislation and Governmental Affairs.*

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29 **17-04: “HEALTH PLAN MEDICAL DIRECTOR ACCOUNTABILITY”**

30 RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) support medical competency by
31 health plan medical directors and create policy that coverage decisions impacting patient care are
32 subject to all laws and regulations attached to the practice of medicine, and be it further

33 RESOLVED, that only physicians with a broad knowledge of medical services, or a physician of the
34 same specialty of the requesting physician (when feasible), make care determinations impacting both
35 patients and practicing physicians

36 **Assigned to:** *Commission on Legislation; Board of Directors*

37 **Action Taken:** *Not addressed in the 2018 legislative session.*

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39 **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION ON LEGISLATION #1: “MEDICAL MARIJUANA”**

40 RESOLVED, The IAFP advocates for the reclassification of marijuana from a Drug Enforcement
41 Agency classification Schedule I to Schedule II to facilitate further research in marijuana and its
42 components and to allow for high-quality, evidence-based therapeutic uses, and be it further

43 RESOLVED, that the IAFP neither endorses nor opposes the legalization of medical marijuana, until
44 such time additional FDA approved cannabinoid medications are developed, and be it further

45 RESOLVED, if medical marijuana is legalized in Indiana, that the IAFP seek the creation of a state
46 governmental commission composed of physicians and other healthcare professionals to determine
47 only high-quality, evidence-based allowed therapeutic uses.

48 **Assigned to:** *Commission on Legislation*

49 **Action Taken:** *There were many bills related to marijuana and its various forms and uses. The*
50 *Academy supported SB52, which will legalize CBD oil (actually full spectrum hemp extract) with THC*

1 content of 0.3 percent or less. There were no specific medical marijuana bills that would fall within this
2 policy that advanced.

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4 **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION ON LEGISLATION #2: “INTERSTATE MEDICAL
5 LICENSURE COMPACT”**

6 RESOLVED, the Congress refer the issue of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to the IAFP
7 Board of Directors for research, discussion, and formulation of a policy position.

8 **Assigned to:** Board of Directors

9 **Action Taken:** The board of directors discussed the IMLC at its October meeting and voted to support
10 the compact should it be presented in Indiana.

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12 **RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION ON LEGISLATION #3: “LEGAL LIMIT OF BLOOD
13 ALCOHOL WHILE DRIVING”**

14 RESOLVED, the 2016 resolution: “Reducing BAC to 0.05%” is hereby rescinded

15 **Assigned to:** Staff

16 **Action Taken:** Complete