

AAFP HOUSE OF DELEGATES Resolution

Introduced by: Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians

Subject: *Increasing the Use of Retired and Semi-Retired Physicians in Teaching Students and Residents*

Whereas, in the teaching of medical students and residents, experience plays a significant role in passing on important aspects of patient care and medical treatment ; and

Whereas, when physicians retire from active or full practice or evolve to semi-retirement or phased retirement, they often seek ways to continue to contribute to their communities and profession; and

Whereas, the teaching of medical students and residents is a critical place where retired and semi-retired physicians could continue to contribute their skills and experience to mentor a new generation of physicians and patients; and

Whereas, throughout the country, especially in rural and community based programs, medical schools and residency programs struggle to find qualified and experienced faculty and teachers; and

Whereas, there are often administrative hurdles and roadblocks which prevent semi-retired and retired physicians from fully participating in teaching programs at schools and residencies; therefore be it

Resolved, *that our AAFP meet with the appropriate stakeholders (such as ACGME, LCME, COCA, etc.) and develop creative and innovative pathways to increase opportunities to include and decrease hurdles for inclusion of semi-retired or retired physicians to participate fully as medical faculty at medical schools and residency training programs.*