

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Florida)

Preserving Primary Care Reimbursement as Artificial Intelligence Tools Enter Clinical Workflows

Whereas, artificial intelligence clinical decision support tools and ambient documentation systems are now embedded in several of the major electronic health record platforms family physicians use daily, and a 2025 survey conducted jointly by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and Rock Health found that family physicians view these tools primarily as a means of reducing administrative burden rather than replacing clinical judgment; and

Whereas, the AAFP's policy on the Ethical Application of Artificial Intelligence in Family Medicine affirms that when AI is applied to primary care it must preserve, and ideally strengthen, the patient–physician relationship and the physician's accountability for care, recognizing that documentation and decision-support tools do not relieve the physician of responsibility for diagnostic reasoning, longitudinal care coordination, or management of clinical uncertainty; and

Whereas, the adoption of the electronic health record offers a documented precedent: efficiency technologies introduced into primary care have historically been accompanied by increased documentation requirements rather than improved physician compensation; and

Whereas, evaluation and management services in primary care are already valued below those of procedural specialties under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, and any move by public or private payers to treat AI assistance as grounds for reducing the work value of these services would compound an existing structural disadvantage; and

Whereas, a clear, proactive AAFP position is warranted now, before payer methodologies for valuing AI-assisted clinical work are established, and would complement the workforce concerns addressed in the companion resolution on AI-enabled labor substitution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) oppose the use of artificial intelligence clinical assistance tools by public or private payers as justification to reduce the work value or reimbursement of primary care evaluation and management services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop and publish a formal policy position affirming the independent value of physician cognitive labor in AI-assisted workflows, and apply that position in its advocacy with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), commercial payers, and federal policymakers.
