

AAFP HOUSE OF DELEGATES Resolution

Introduced by Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians

Subject: *Restoring the Public's Trust in Organized Medicine and the Practice of Medicine*

WHEREAS, the public's trust with public health and medicine have declined since the COVID-19 Pandemic for a multitude of reasons, usually related to the role of politics in medical matters; and

WHEREAS, to encourage the public's trust in physicians and our AAFP and to underscore that our AAFP sets clinical practice policies based on the best and highest level scientific evidence available without political influence; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our AAFP policy be that all policies guiding physicians or the association in the clinical practice of medicine be supported by consistent, good-quality patient-oriented evidence and cited as such through documentation of a recognized evidence-grading methodology (i.e. GRADE, SOR); and

RESOLVED, that our AAFP policy be silence where there is a weak or substandard body of evidence, and that no policies guiding physicians or the association in the clinical practice of medicine be endorsed without consistent, good-quality patient-oriented evidence, and that our silence on affected policies be explained by citing a lack of high-quality evidence.