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Board of Governors	2.	Code of Leadership – ACOFP Congress of Delegates	<p>Code of Leadership – ACOFP Congress of Delegates</p> <p>The mission of the ACOFP, as established by the Board of Governors and the Congress of Delegates, is to promote excellence in osteopathic family medicine through quality education, visionary leadership, and responsible advocacy.</p> <p>As Delegate to the ACOFP Congress of Delegates, I am fully committed to the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and its mission. I recognize that serving as a representative of osteopathic divisional AFFILIATE societies and constituencies to OF the ACOFP carries additional responsibilities and obligations to support the activities of the ACOFP. As a leader, my decisions and actions must be guided by what is best for the ACOFP. To this end, I pledge to honor and promote the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and its mission by following three guiding principles:</p> <p>I. I will maintain and strengthen the Vision of the ACOFP ADOPTED by the Board of Governors and Congress of Delegates, as demonstrated by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defining with other Delegates the mission of the ACOFP and participating in strategic planning to review the purposes, programs, priorities, funding needs, and targets of achievement. ▪ Being a role model by participating in osteopathic philanthropy, encouraging DO colleagues to do the same, and encouraging my spouse, FRIENDS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS to participate in the Auxiliary. ▪ Publicly supporting and promoting the ACOFP’s policies within the osteopathic family and to the public. <p>II. I will conduct myself with the highest level of Integrity to honor the ACOFP and to support the highest ideals of the osteopathic profession for which it stands, as demonstrated by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accepting the Constitution & Bylaws of the ACOFP, and understanding that I am morally and ethically responsible for the health and vitality of the ACOFP. ▪ Leading the way by being an enthusiastic booster and a positive advocate for the ACOFP, and extend that enthusiasm

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			<p>to the ACOFP's affiliates and auxiliary groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accepting that every Delegate is making a statement of faith about every other Delegate, we trust each other to carry out this Code to the best of our ability. <p>III. I will be competent in my actions and decisions for the ACOFP, as demonstrated by...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fulfilling my financial FIDUCIARY responsibilities by reviewing and approving the ACOFP's annual budget. ▪ Making myself available to attend the Congress of Delegates' annual meetings, serving on committees, and being prepared for the annual meeting by reading agenda and other materials. <p>Understanding that the Congress of Delegates is the POLICY MAKING AND THE legislative body of the ACOFP, exercising the delegated powers of the divisional AFFILIATE societies in the activities of ACOFP, and performing all other duties as described in the ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ACTION: Amend and recommend approval BOARD ACTION:</p>
Position Statements	10.	GME Funding For Residency Programs Using Volunteer Faculty	<p>The ACOFP supports the enactment of Federal legislation that increases and adequately finances the training of osteopathic family medicine residents in ambulatory non-hospital sites; and, be it further,</p> <p>The ACOFP calls upon the CONTINUED grassroots efforts to contact U.S. senators and representatives and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to take the necessary steps to allow hospitals to utilize volunteer faculty without ANY funding decrease by Medicare.</p> <p>The ACOFP supports the enactment of Federal legislation that clarifies Congressional intent as established in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, allowing teaching hospitals and physicians in non-hospital sites to enter into educational agreements to</p>

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			train osteopathic family medicine residents regardless of financial arrangement. COMMITTEE ACTION: Amend and recommend approval BOARD ACTION:
Position Statements	28.	Prescription Drugs – Direct Consumer Advertising	The ACOFP should adopt policies CONTINUES to recommend THAT pharmaceutical company direct to consumer advertising not be product specific. The ACOFP should work with the American Osteopathic Association to request that state and federal governments adopt policies or legislation to promote disease-specific public health education as the focus of direct to consumer advertising of prescription medicines to the general public. COMMITTEE ACTION: Amend and recommend approval BOARD ACTION:
Position Statements	34.	Separate Osteopathic Match	The ACOFP continues to support the separate osteopathic match that is currently in place.
Position Statements	40.	Tax Credits for Health Profession Shortage Area	The ACOFP supports the establishment of tax credits for physicians who practice in federally designated health professions shortage areas (HPSAs) or Medicare physician scarcity areas. These tax credits should be available, on a sliding scale, to physicians who provide services on a part-time basis in these communities. COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommend approval BOARD ACTION:
Position Statements	45.	Veterans Administration Credentialing of Non-Physician Providers	The ACOFP supports the establishment of well-defined credentialing and privileging criteria within the Veterans Administration that prohibits non-physician providers with WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED expanded scope of practice rights in a minority of states from demanding such privileges in the VA system.

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			<p>The ACOFP supports the establishment of a consistent requirement for the privileging of non-physician providers in the VA system that reflects the opinion of a majority of states.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ACTION: Amend and recommend approval BOARD ACTION:</p>