

SUBJECT: Access to abortion when needed to save a pregnant patient's life

SUBMITTED BY: Colorado Chapter of the ACOFP

REFERRED TO: 2023 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)
Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 8

- 1 WHEREAS, abortion is illegal in many states prior to knowledge of life-threatening conditions
2 including but not limited to severe pre-eclampsia, molar pregnancy, ectopic pregnancy,
3 premature rupture of membranes, chromosomal abnormalities, Meckel Gruber syndrome,
4 Potter's syndrome, anencephaly; and
- 5 WHEREAS, many life-threatening conditions are diagnosed after the timeline whereby abortion is
6 legal; and
- 7 WHEREAS, pregnant patients may die or have adverse consequences without termination of the
8 pregnancy; now, therefore be it
- 9 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocates for
10 health policies, including those pertaining to reproductive and obstetrical care, that protect
11 the sanctity and privacy of the physician-patient relationship; and, be it further
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- 13 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP advocates for decriminalization of abortion in cases in which the life
14 or health of the pregnant patient is threatened.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 29, 2023