

SUBJECT: Interoperable Electronic Medical Records

SUBMITTED BY: Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

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RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act required all health care providers to
2 switch to electronic medical records (EMRs) by January 1, 2014 to maintain
3 reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid, and

4 WHEREAS, as of 2011, there are over 300 different types of electronic health record systems
5 on the market that rarely communicate amongst each other except via secondary
6 means, and

7 WHEREAS, the office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology report of
8 2016 indicated that 48% of physicians and 82% of hospitals share partial information
9 of patient information, and

10 WHEREAS, lack of access to patients' entire medical records creates more burden of seeking
11 information in the clinic and increases repetitive tests among all providers, and

12 WHEREAS, the Family Medicine for America's Health published in 2016 for a Principled
13 Redesign of Health Information Technology with the intent to seek comprehensive
14 access to health information among all health care providers; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, that manufacturers of electronic medical record (EMR) systems pursue efficient
16 interoperability of all EMRs, which assumes that each is required to participate rather
17 than allowing each to opt in; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the Family
19 Medicine for America's Health works with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
20 Services to ensure collaboration of EMRs and ensure that participants can meet
21 Meaningful Use requirements more efficiently.

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Explanatory Statement:

The purpose of this resolution is to seek an efficient interoperability of the electronic medical records to ensure more efficient sharing of patient information amongst systems to ensure efficiency in clinical settings and reduce avoidable medical errors.

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