
CAFP 2027
Resolution Process
Overview
CAFP

Objectives

- **Explain the resolution process**
- **Identify the essential elements of a strong resolution**
- **Apply best practices in drafting resolutions**
- **Deliver well-structured and thoughtfully crafted testimony**

CAFP's **All Member Advocacy Meeting** (AMAM) celebrates primary care as the cornerstone of health equity, innovation, and transformative policy, with Family Medicine at the forefront

It focuses on…

- **Advocacy**
- **Governance**
- **Policy**



2026 Resolution Process Overview



How a Resolution Becomes Policy



DELEGATES



EXTRACTED ITEMS
TESTIMONY



NEW CAFP POLICY



AMAM
RECOMMENDATION
TO CAFP BOARD



BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



FEEDBACK TO
AUTHOR(S)

How does a resolution become CAFP policy?

Members submit resolutions online; staff prepare notes

Committees review resolutions and make recommendations to AMAM

Committee recommendations are added to a consent calendar, however, AMAM delegates can extract items for testimony

Items that aren't extracted go to the Board with committee recommendations (no verbal or written testimony accepted)

Board determines action on each resolution and may submit some for national action at AAFP as appropriate

Consent calendar items are general consensus on the policy direction and don't require much discussion - usually approved in 1 motion.

Delegates are the only ones who can EXTRACT resolutions from the consent calendar at AMAM. Any CAFP member may provide written or verbal testimony throughout the AMAM weekend.

It's important that your Delegates know if your chapter wants to provide verbal testimony for any given resolution, so they can extract it from the consent calendar for discussion.

Board Determined Resolution Outcomes

1. Adopt
2. Adopt and amend
3. Refer to committee
4. Not adopt
5. Refer for national action

How a Resolution Becomes Policy



- Committee provides AMAM and Board with expertise for informed decision making
- Extractions with verbal or written testimony allow delegates to express disagreement or add information to committee recommendations
- **Consent Calendar is AMAM body's recommendation to the Board of Directors.**

How to Find CAFP and AAFP Policy

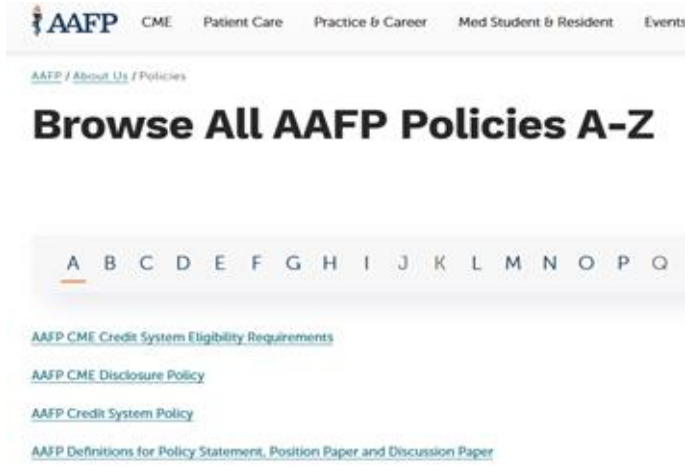
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familydocs.org/policy

- Under “Current Policy” click “Download” to download our current Policy Compendium PDF
- Policies are organized by topic so you can click on the applicable topic or search the document for relevant policy

AAFP

https://www.aafp.org/about/policies




HOW TO WRITE
A STRONG
RESOLUTION
CAFP

General Principles for Resolutions

✅ Purpose

- Guide and develop CAFP policy
- Not direct strategic priorities, activities or operations



📜 Policy Alignment

- Should not be covered by existing CAFP/AAFP policy

General Principles for Resolutions
(continued)

🚫 No Specific References

- Avoid naming legislation, programs, products, or services
- Focus on underlying issues for long-term applicability

🎯 Scope & Authority

- Must fall within CAFP's scope and authority

📌 Strategic Fit

- Relevant to CAFP's current strategic goals
- Should not require outsized resources beyond those goals

How to Write a Resolution

💡 Get Inspired

- What makes you mad?
- What do think all FM docs should care about?

📖 Review Current Policy

- CAFP & AAFP Policy Manuals

📄 Review Guidelines

- CAFP submission rules

✍️ Start Writing

- Begin drafting your resolution

🎯 Identify Your Ask

- Start with **RESOLVED** clauses

📚 Compile the Evidence

- Use brief **WHEREAS** clauses
- Add relevant citations

📪 Submit

- By **December 7, 2026 3:00 p.m.**
- Questions? **cafp@familydocs.org** (415) 345-8667

How Do You Write a Resolution? "Whereas" Statements

- Explain the rationale for the resolution and identify a problem or need for action;
- Provide relevant research/data
- Address its timeliness or urgency and its effects on member constituencies, CAFP, and/or the public at large
- Indicate whether the proposed policy or action will alter current CAFP or AAFP policy.
- Limit the number of "whereas" statements to the minimum required to provide reasonable support for the "resolved" clause(s).
- Limit the use of adjectives or qualifying adverbs which are considered "editorial opinion."
- "Whereas" statements of resolutions do not carry forward once a resolution is adopted

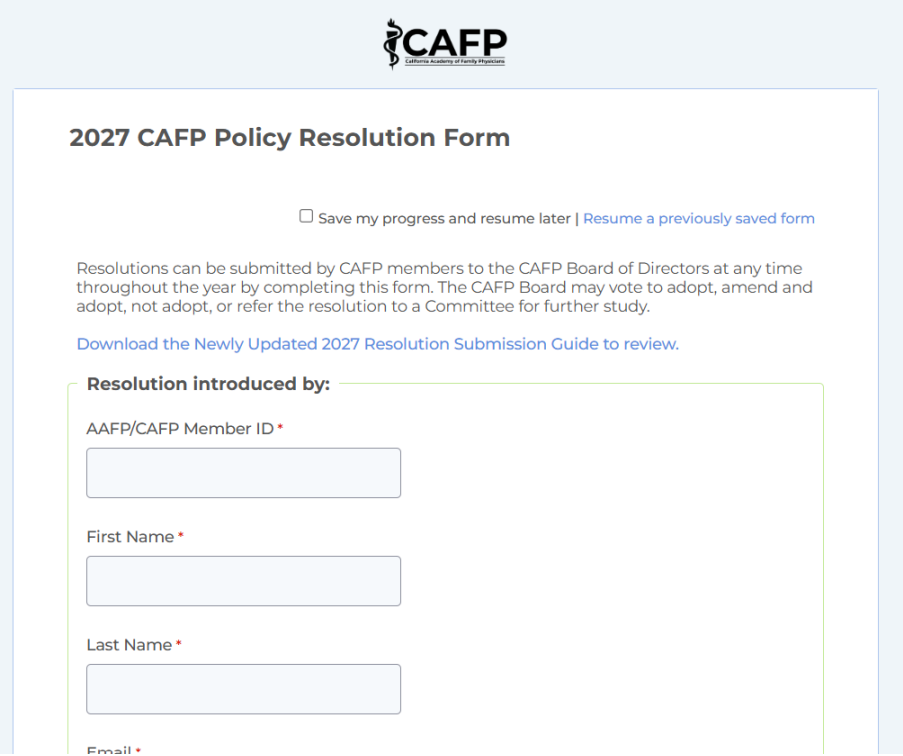
How Do You Write a Resolution? "Resolved" Statements

- Each "resolved" clause must stand on its own as
- "Whereas" statements of resolutions do not carry forward
- Clauses should not refer to other "resolved" clauses or the "whereas" statement(s)
- Resolved clauses should not reference any specific legislation, program, service, or product.
- Call for only one action in each "resolved" clause. If there are two or three related actions being proposed, write a separate "resolved" clause for each.
- **New!** Resolutions are limited to three resolved statements each
- **New!** Do not include AAFP referrals in resolved statements. Instead, check the box in the submission form to request your resolution be considered for AAFP referral
- All "resolved" clauses must be related to the central subject of the resolution and clearly state a policy position

Examples of Out of Order Resolutions

Resolution	Reason for Calling Out of Order	Alternative Resolution
That CAFP write a letter to ACGME supporting education on abortion care.	Overly directive of CAFP operations	That CAFP supports increasing resident education on abortion care.
That CAFP support AB2651.	References a specific piece of legislation	That CAFP supports schools providing timely information to parents about vaccine rates.
That CAFP shall establish and fund a program providing every CAFP member with free legal representation.	Overly directive and creates open-ended funding obligation for CAFP	That CAFP supports policies that increase access to affordable malpractice insurance and legal representation for family physicians.

2027 Submission Form



CAFP
California Academy of Family Physicians

2027 CAFP Policy Resolution Form

Save my progress and resume later | Resume a previously saved form

Resolutions can be submitted by CAFP members to the CAFP Board of Directors at any time throughout the year by completing this form. The CAFP Board may vote to adopt, amend and adopt, not adopt, or refer the resolution to a Committee for further study.

Download the Newly Updated 2027 Resolution Submission Guide to review.

Resolution introduced by:

AAFP/CAFP Member ID *

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

https://www.tfaforms.com/5227255

But can a resolution really do anything?



For example…

Resolution NO. 3014

AAFP to Oppose Legislation of Physician-Patient Decision Making in Child and Adolescent Gender-Affirming Care

Submitted by: Nichole Johnson, MD, LGBT
Brent Sugimoto, MD, LGBT
Marissa Lapedis, MD, LGBT
Nicole Chaisson, MD, Women
Jewell Carr, MD, New Physicians
Syed Naseeruddin, MD, Minority
Cynthia Jeremiah, MD, IMG

RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution No. 3014 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. 3014 as printed below:

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians affirm that gender-affirming care should occur between the physician and patient, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose legislation limiting medical decision-making in gender-affirming care for children and adolescents.

Resolution Becomes Policy

Care for the Transgender and Gender Nonbinary Patient

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recognizes that diversity in gender identity and expression is a normal part of the human existence and does not represent pathology. The AAFP supports access to gender-affirming care for gender-diverse patients, including children and adolescents. Gender-affirming health care is part of comprehensive primary care for many gender-diverse patients, and may include supportive behavioral health care, gender-affirming hormones, puberty blockade, medical procedures, and surgical interventions.

Policy Becomes Action



Physicians Oppose Texas Efforts to Interfere in the Patient-Physician Relationship and Criminalize Gender-Affirming Care

Washington, D.C. (February 28, 2022) – Our organizations, representing nearly 600,000 physicians and medical students, strongly oppose efforts, in Texas or anywhere else, to criminalize gender-affirming care. We will continue to speak out against any actions that threaten the health and safety of transgender and gender-diverse individuals.

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INTEREST OF *AMICI CURIAE*

Amici curiae are the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Academic Pediatric Association, the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Nursing, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, Inc. d/b/a GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians, the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, the American Pediatric Society, the American Psychiatric Association, the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Inc., the Endocrine Society, the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, the Pediatric Endocrine Society, the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Societies for Pediatric Urology, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, the Society for Pediatric Research, the Society of Pediatric Nurses, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (collectively, "*amici*").[1]


HOW TO PROVIDE
TESTIMONY
CAFP

Overview of Testimony

- **Testimony is responding to a Committee's recommendation, NOT the original resolution**



Two Forms of Testimony

- Written Testimony:
  Formal written testimony can be submitted for Board consideration throughout AMAM, due by the end of the weekend
  On extracted resolutions ONLY
- Verbal Testimony:
  Presenting support or opposition to a particular resolution at AMAM in front of peers
  Good opportunity to express strongly held beliefs, share personal stories or include data about a particular topic

Why is Testimony Important?

📣 **Direct Influence**
Express opinions to decision makers (CAFP Board of Directors), potentially swaying votes.

❤️ **Humanize Policy**
Share personal/patient stories to make issues relatable and compelling.

📊 **Provide Expertise**
Offer data, studies and expert perspectives to strengthen policy.

🔍 **Ensure Transparency**
Reveal the perspectives of those affected most, increasing accountability.

📚 **Fill Knowledge Gaps**
Bridge research and policy to support informed decisions.

🌎 **Shape Policy Focus**
Help decision makers identify the most important issues.

🚀 **Advocacy & Awareness**
Raise visibility of your policy positions and practice your advocacy skills.

Anatomy of a Great Verbal Testimony

Introduction
Name, Delegate/General Registrant, School/Residency Program, District, Speaking on behalf of…(self, student/resident council, chapter, etc.)

I am speaking IN SUPPORT/AGAINST this resolution…

- **Provide examples** in your clinical experience or lived experience that bolster the evidence provided in the WHEREAS sections.
- Note statistics/data if relevant
- Strength of testimony comes from your unique experiences and perspective. Stories!

Keep your testimony short and concise - you will have very limited time.



In Summary:

✅ **Resolutions**
- Shape CAFP's policies and advocacy priorities
- Must follow guiding principles (scope, alignment, no specific legislation, strategic fit)

✍️ **Writing Resolutions**
- Start with RESOLVED clauses
- Support with concise WHEREAS clauses and evidence
- Submit by Monday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m.

🎙️ **Testimony**
- Delegates may extract resolutions for testimony
- All members may provide oral or written testimony on extracted resolutions

🌎 **Impact**
- Amplify family medicine's voice
- Influence policy, governance and advocacy at state and national level

Upcoming Important Dates

10/14/26 – Speakers Office Hours 7-7:30

12/07/26 - Resolution Submission Deadline

01/12/27 - Delegate Submission Deadline

04/3/27 – 04/4/27 - All Member Advocacy Mee

04/5/27 - Lobby Day




Questions?
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