

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Business Meeting
October 7, 2006
The Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
Incline Village, Nevada**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Governors convened for its Business Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 7, 2006, in Regency ABC of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Nevada. Yul D. Ejnes, MD, FACP, Chair of the Board of Governors, and David L. Bronson, MD, FACP, Chair-elect, Board of Governors, presided. Stephen J. Peterson, MD, FACP, served as Parliamentarian.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the April 6, 2006 Business Meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

III. Approval of the Recommendations from the Task Force on Chapter Finances

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the Task Force on Chapter Finances.

IV. Approval of the Reference Committee Report

Jacqueline G. Parthemore, MD, FACP, Reference Committee Chair, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:

- 1-F06. Lobbying Congress to Mandate Medicare Coverage for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- 2-F06. Proposing Modifications to Medicare Part D that Make it More Accessible and Responsive to Beneficiaries
- 4-F06. Devising Modified Versions of the Advanced Medical Home for Small Medical Groups
- 5-F06. Forming a Committee or Subcommittee to Evaluate the Impact of ACP Policy Changes on Small Medical Practices
- 6-F06. Ascertaining the Administrative Costs to Practicing Physicians of Proposed Public Policies that ACP Supports
- 9-F06. Developing Alliances that Facilitate a Linkage between Medical Education and Care for the Medically Underserved
- 11-F06. Developing and Distributing an ACP Health Literacy Toolkit
- 12-F06. Affiliating a College Award with the Name of a Prominent Woman ACP Leader
- 13-F06. Encouraging Chapters to Include Associate Subspecialty Fellows on Governor Councils or Local Governing Committees

Recommended for Reaffirmation:

- 3-F06. Prohibiting the Release of Physician Prescribing Information to Pharmaceutical Companies, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers or Pharmaceutical Distributors for Sales and/or Marketing Purposes
- 8-F06. Maintaining CMS Reimbursement for Resident Training through Didactic Learning

Recommended for Non-Adoption:

- 7-F06. Requesting Residency Review Committee Reevaluation of Resident Work Requirements
- 10-F06. Evaluating Concierge Care and Providing Guidelines Regarding Participation in Concierge Practices

Summary:

The Board of Governors approved the disposition of resolutions on the Consent Calendar as the Reference Committee recommended with the exception of the following, which were extracted:

- 1-F06. Lobbying Congress to Mandate Medicare Coverage for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- 2-F06. Proposing Modifications to Medicare Part D that Make it More Accessible and Responsive to Beneficiaries
- 6-F06. Ascertaining the Administrative Costs to Practicing Physicians of Proposed Public Policies that ACP Supports
- 11-F06. Developing and Distributing an ACP Health Literacy Toolkit
- 12-F06. Affiliating a College Award with the Name of a Prominent Woman ACP Leader

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 1-F06, Lobbying Congress to Mandate Medicare Coverage for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, were amended and approved as follows:

Resolution 1-F06, Engaging with CMS to Ensure Medicare Coverage for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents engage in a discussion with CMS to ensure Medicare coverage of abdominal aortic aneurysm screening with abdominal ultrasound examination in the population at risk as identified by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocate to have this service reimbursed without impacting the SGR calculation.

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 2-F06, Proposing Modifications to Medicare Part D that Make it More Accessible and Responsive to Beneficiaries, were amended and approved as follows:

Resolution 2-F06, Proposing Modifications to Medicare Part D to Reduce Administrative Burdens on Physician Practices

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents propose modifications to Medicare Part D to reduce the administrative burden on physician practices and urge Congress and the Administration to adopt these modifications.

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 6-F06, Ascertainning the Administrative Costs to Practicing Physicians of Proposed Public Policies that ACP Supports, were amended and approved as follows:

Resolution 6-F06, Ascertainning the Economic Impact of ACP Supported Public Policies to Practicing Physicians

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, in developing proposed public policy, ascertain the economic impact such policy will impose on the practicing physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will support such proposed policy only if it includes appropriate reimbursement to physicians for these costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocate for the removal of unnecessary administrative burdens and for fair reimbursement of all necessary administrative costs.

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 11-F06, Developing and Distributing an ACP Health Literacy Toolkit, were amended and approved as follows:

Resolution 11-F06, Developing an ACP Health Literacy Toolkit

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, with the ACP Foundation, develop and make available to members a toolkit that provides a framework for assessing and improving health literacy in their patients and techniques for efficiently incorporating it into their practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, through appropriate committees, support the development of additional strategies to reimburse physicians for the time and effort required to improve health literacy among their patients.

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 12-F06, Affiliating a College Award with the Name of a Prominent Woman ACP Leader, were amended and approved as follows:

Resolution 12-F06, Affiliating a College Award with the Name of a Woman Who is or was a Prominent ACP Leader

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents name one or more of the current unaffiliated awards after a woman who is or was a prominent ACP leader without changing the nature of the award.

V. New Business/Adjournment

With no further business being presented, Dr. Ejnes adjourned the meeting.