

1 **Board of Regents Actions Taken on BOG Resolutions, November 4-5, 2023, Meeting**

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3 **Adopted and referred for implementation: (Lines 32-107)**

- 4 4-F23. Developing Policy to Support Hospital-at-Home Care Models
- 5 6-F23. Disseminating Resources to Educate ACP Members about Fertility and Family Planning
- 6 7-F23. Revising the Policy of Cancellation Fees for ABIM Certification Exams
- 7 8-F23. Studying the Feasibility of Minimizing Pharmaceutical and Other Industry Sponsorship of ACP’s
- 8 Annual Internal Medicine Meeting
- 9 12-S22. Taking an Integrated Approach to International Medical Graduate (IMG) Inclusion
- 10 2-F22. Studying How to Accommodate Adequate Paid Parental Leave in American Residency and
- 11 Fellowship Programs
- 12 9-S23. Updating ACP’s Action Plan for Advocating for Universal Insurance Coverage of Obesity
- 13 Treatment

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15 **Adopted with BOR Amendments for Implementation: (Lines 126-163)**

- 16 9-F22. Calling for Improved Health Care for Sex Workers and Developing Policy on the
- 17 Decriminalization of Sex Work (2nd clause only)
- 18 2-F23. Extending National ACP Efforts to Improve the Prior Authorization Process

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20 **Adopted as Reaffirmation: (Lines 111-121)**

- 21 9-F22. Calling for Improved Health Care for Sex Workers and Developing Policy on the
- 22 Decriminalization of Sex Work (1st clause only)
- 23 3-F23. Improving the Effectiveness of EMR Notes by Discouraging the Use of “Cut and Paste”
- 24 in Progress Notes

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26 The Board of Regents approved, as a Consent Calendar, the recommendations regarding the
27 disposition of each of the following resolutions recommended for adoption at the Fall 2023 Board of
28 Governors Meeting:

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30 **BOG Recommended for Adoption/Implementation with Amendments:**

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32 **4-F23. Developing Policy to Support Hospital-at-Home Care Models**
33 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Medical Practice and Quality Committee [MPQC] with input from*
34 *Clinical Policy and Ethics, Professionalism, and Human Rights Committee [EPHRC])*

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36 RESOLVED, that the ACP Board of Regents develop a policy statement in support of permanent
37 payment structures, best practice guidelines that achieve high-value care, and ongoing
38 outcomes research for Hospital-at-Home care. Policy should address:

- 39 • permanent CMS funding guidelines for Hospital-at-Home care;
- 40 • universal Medicaid coverage for Hospital-at-Home care in all states with reduction of state
41 regulatory or legislative barriers;
- 42 • requiring Medicare Advantage and commercial insurance to follow CMS guidelines when it
43 comes to inclusion criteria and inpatient status;
- 44 • equity for access to and consideration of patient preference for Hospital-at-Home care
45 across demographic groups and geographic settings including rural and underserved areas;
- 46 • ensuring safety for physicians and the health care team providing Hospital-at-Home care;
- 47 • additional education regarding implementation of Hospital-at-Home; and

- 48 • research in Hospital-at-Home care including inclusion and exclusion criteria, caregiver
49 burden, liability concerns, cost, patient care outcomes, safety, and patient and family
50 satisfaction.
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52 **6-F23. Disseminating Resources to Educate ACP Members about Fertility and Family Planning**
53 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Education Committee)*
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55 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents works with other medical societies and partners to
56 disseminate resources to educate ACP members on the process, time requirements, and
57 financial implications related to family planning for physicians and medical students, including
58 but not limited to fertility planning/treatment options and costs.
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60 **7-F23. Revising the Policy of Cancellation Fees for ABIM Certification Exams**
61 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Education Committee)*
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63 RESOLVED, that the ACP Board of Regents advocate that the fees for cancellation/
64 rescheduling an initial ABIM certification exam not exceed the financial loss for the ABIM.
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66 **8-F23. Studying the Feasibility of Minimizing Pharmaceutical and Other Industry Sponsorship of**
67 **ACP's Annual Internal Medicine Meeting**
68 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Executive Office)*
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70 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents study the feasibility of minimizing, at the annual ACP
71 Internal Medicine Meeting, financial relationships with and influence of pharmaceutical
72 companies and other organizations whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling,
73 re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.
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75 **12-S22. Taking an Integrated Approach to International Medical Graduate (IMG) Inclusion**
76 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Governance Committee)*
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78 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents take an integrated approach to IMG Inclusion and assure
79 that IMGs are represented across the organization, have voice and opportunities to engage in
80 governance and leadership, and that ACP seeks to understand and support their unique needs;
81 and be it further
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83 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents charge a Steering Committee to oversee, assess, and
84 report regularly to the BOR on the implementation of an integrated approach to IMG inclusion
85 across the College.
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87 **2-F22. Studying How to Accommodate Adequate Paid Parental Leave in American Residency and**
88 **Fellowship Programs**
89 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: HPPC with input from Education Committee)*
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91 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents study current ACP policy to consider increasing the
92 recommended minimum period of universal paid family and medical leave from 6 weeks to 12
93 weeks.
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95 **9-S23. Updating ACP’s Action Plan for Advocating for Universal Insurance Coverage of Obesity**
96 **Treatment**
97 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Clinical Guidelines Committee [#1] and MPQC and Legislative Affairs*
98 *staff [#2 and #3])*
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100 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents update ACP’s action plan for advocating for universal
101 insurance coverage of obesity treatment through the following actions:
102 1. Develop clinical guidance on the use of new anti-obesity medications.
103 2. In collaboration with other stakeholders, advocate with CMS and other payers for
104 expanded coverage of evidence-based, cost-effective treatment of obesity (guided by ACP
105 Clinical Policy); and consider including as a focus for an ACP Leadership Day.
106 3. Support chapter advocacy for inclusion of evidence-based, cost-effective obesity
107 treatments in Medicaid, state employee, and other health plans.
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110 **BOG Recommended for Reaffirmation:**

111 **3-F23. Improving the Effectiveness of EMR Notes by Discouraging the Use of “Cut and Paste” in**
112 **Progress Notes**
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114 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will include in its policy on EMRs that the excessive and
115 routine use of “cut and paste” by physicians be discouraged and that national ACP encourage
116 medical student program directors and internal medicine residency directors to teach proper
117 use of and discourage the use of “cut and paste” in progress notes by medical students,
118 internal medicine residents, and fellows; and be it further
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120 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will share information about its efforts in this regard
121 with other national medical organizations.
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124 **BOG Resolutions extracted from the Consent Calendar:**
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126 **Resolution 9-F22. Calling for Improved Health Care for Sex Workers and Developing Policy on the**
127 **Decriminalization of Sex Work**

128 The Board of Regents extracted Resolution 9-F22 to discuss. Following discussion, the Board of Regents
129 **VOTED:** to adopt Resolution 9-F22 with the amended language of the second resolved, below:
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131 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with other relevant stakeholders, develop
132 curriculum to educate physicians on personal bias, stigmatization, and comprehensive health
133 care for sex workers to provide better care for sex workers; and be it further
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135 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develop policy on the decriminalization of sex work and
136 expungement of records of sex work.
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138 **Rationale:**

139 At their November 4, 2023 meeting, the Board of Regents (BOR) after discussion, voted to amend
140 Resolution 9-F22 and adopt for implementation (2nd clause only) led by the Health and Public Policy
141 Committee. The BOR recommends this amendment to reflect the HPPC’s recommendation following
142 study of the amendment and provides better clarity of the intent of the resolution.

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Resolution 2-F23. Extending National ACP Efforts to Improve the Prior Authorization Process

The Board of Regents extracted Resolution 2-F23 to discuss. Following discussion, the Board of Regents

VOTED: to adopt Resolution 2-F23 as amended below:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will provide information to national media regarding the problems associated with the current prior authorization process, as well as provide materials to our members with advice as to how to share this information with their congressional representatives, patient advocacy groups, social media, and media thereby broadening efforts to modify the prior authorization process.

Rationale:

At their November 4, 2023 meeting, the BOR voted to amend Resolution 2-F23 and adopt for implementation led by Marketing and Communications staff. While the BOR recognized the importance of the resolution in continuing the work of the College to increase the understanding of the impact of administrative burdens, after discussion, the BOR agreed that specifically establishing a national preauthorization information day was neither the best strategic nor impactful approach to achieving the underlying goal of the resolution. They felt that establishing one day would limit rather than further the efforts intended by the resolution. ACP will develop media relations and member engagement strategies to call attention to the problems with prior authorization and advocate to modify the prior authorization process as intended by the resolution.

<https://acpo365.sharepoint.com/sites/BoG/Resolutions/Fall Meetings/2023/LN Posting - BOR Takes Action - BOR clauses - BOG F23 Mtg resolutions.docx>