

## BOR Action on BOG Resolutions Now Available

A summary of Board of Regents (BOR) actions on Board of Governors (BOG) resolutions discussed at the November 4-5, 2023, BOR Meeting is available below. Resolutions initiated by ACP members and endorsed by a chapter council and the BOG become ACP policy when adopted by the BOR.

If you have an idea you would like to suggest to ACP, consider submitting a resolution to your Governor or local ACP chapter. Visit your [ACP chapter website](#) for more information on how to contact your Governor or chapter staff about proposing a resolution.

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

#### 2 3 **Adopted and referred for implementation:** *(Lines 32-106)*

- 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

#### 14 15 **Adopted with BOR Amendments for Implementation:** *(Lines 125-162)*

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

#### 19 20 **Adopted as Reaffirmation:** *(Lines 110-120)*

- 21 9-F22. Calling for Improved Health Care for Sex Workers and Developing Policy on the
- 22 Decriminalization of Sex Work *(1<sup>st</sup> 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 disposition  
27 of each of the following resolutions recommended for adoption at the Fall 2023 Board of Governors  
28 Meeting:

#### 29 30 **BOG Recommended for Adoption/Implementation with Amendments:**

##### 31 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 outcomes  
38 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 across  
45 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 burden,  
49 liability concerns, cost, patient care outcomes, safety, and patient and family satisfaction.

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51 **6-F23. Disseminating Resources to Educate ACP Members about Fertility and Family Planning**

52 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Education Committee)*

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54 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents works with other medical societies and partners to  
55 disseminate resources to educate ACP members on the process, time requirements, and  
56 financial implications related to family planning for physicians and medical students, including  
57 but not limited to fertility planning/treatment options and costs.

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59 **7-F23. Revising the Policy of Cancellation Fees for ABIM Certification Exams**

60 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Education Committee)*

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62 RESOLVED, that the ACP Board of Regents advocate that the fees for cancellation/ rescheduling  
63 an initial ABIM certification exam not exceed the financial loss for the ABIM.

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65 **8-F23. Studying the Feasibility of Minimizing Pharmaceutical and Other Industry Sponsorship of ACP's  
66 Annual Internal Medicine Meeting**

67 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Executive Office)*

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69 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents study the feasibility of minimizing, at the annual ACP  
70 Internal Medicine Meeting, financial relationships with and influence of pharmaceutical  
71 companies and other organizations whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-  
72 selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

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74 **12-S22. Taking an Integrated Approach to International Medical Graduate (IMG) Inclusion**

75 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Governance Committee)*

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77 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents take an integrated approach to IMG Inclusion and assure  
78 that IMGs are represented across the organization, have voice and opportunities to engage in  
79 governance and leadership, and that ACP seeks to understand and support their unique needs;  
80 and be it further

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82 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents charge a Steering Committee to oversee, assess, and  
83 report regularly to the BOR on the implementation of an integrated approach to IMG inclusion  
84 across the College.

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86 **2-F22. Studying How to Accommodate Adequate Paid Parental Leave in American Residency and  
87 Fellowship Programs**

88 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: HPPC with input from Education Committee)*

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90 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents study current ACP policy to consider increasing the  
91 recommended minimum period of universal paid family and medical leave from 6 weeks to 12  
92 weeks.

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94 **9-S23. Updating ACP's Action Plan for Advocating for Universal Insurance Coverage of Obesity**  
95 **Treatment**  
96 *(RRC Referral Recommendation: Clinical Guidelines Committee [#1] and MPQC and Legislative Affairs staff*  
97 *[#2 and #3])*

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99 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents update ACP's action plan for advocating for universal  
100 insurance coverage of obesity treatment through the following actions:  
101 1. Develop clinical guidance on the use of new anti-obesity medications.  
102 2. In collaboration with other stakeholders, advocate with CMS and other payers for expanded  
103 coverage of evidence-based, cost-effective treatment of obesity (guided by ACP Clinical  
104 Policy); and consider including as a focus for an ACP Leadership Day.  
105 3. Support chapter advocacy for inclusion of evidence-based, cost-effective obesity treatments  
106 in Medicaid, state employee, and other health plans.

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109 **BOG Recommended for Reaffirmation:**

110 **3-F23. Improving the Effectiveness of EMR Notes by Discouraging the Use of "Cut and Paste" in**  
111 **Progress Notes**

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113 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will include in its policy on EMRs that the excessive and  
114 routine use of "cut and paste" by physicians be discouraged and that national ACP encourage  
115 medical student program directors and internal medicine residency directors to teach proper  
116 use of and discourage the use of "cut and paste" in progress notes by medical students, internal  
117 medicine residents, and fellows; and be it further

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119 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will share information about its efforts in this regard with  
120 other national medical organizations.

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123 **BOG Resolutions extracted from the Consent Calendar:**

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125 **Resolution 9-F22. Calling for Improved Health Care for Sex Workers and Developing Policy on the**  
126 **Decriminalization of Sex Work**

127 The Board of Regents extracted Resolution 9-F22 to discuss. Following discussion, the Board of Regents  
128 **VOTED:** to adopt Resolution 9-F22 with the amended language of the second resolved, below:

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130 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with other relevant stakeholders, develop  
131 curriculum to educate physicians on personal bias, stigmatization, and comprehensive health  
132 care for sex workers to provide better care for sex workers; and be it further

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134 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develop policy on the decriminalization of sex work and  
135 expungement of records of sex work.

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137 Rationale:

138 At their November 4, 2023 meeting, the Board of Regents (BOR) after discussion, voted to amend  
139 Resolution 9-F22 and adopt for implementation (2<sup>nd</sup> clause only) led by the Health and Public Policy

140 Committee. The BOR recommends this amendment to reflect the HPPC’s recommendation following  
141 study of the amendment and provides better clarity of the intent of the resolution.

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

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

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

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

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153 **Rationale:**

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

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<https://acpo365.sharepoint.com/sites/BoG/Resolutions/Fall Meetings/2023/ACP Online Member Post - BOR Takes Action - BOR clauses minutes excerpt - BOG F23 Mtg resolutions.docx>