

## BOR Action on BOG Resolutions Now Available

A summary of Board of Regents actions on Board of Governors (BOG) resolutions debated at the June 2021 ACP Board of Regents (BOR) webinar 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'd 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, June 8, 2021, Webinar**

#### 2 3 **Adopted and referred for implementation: (Lines 26-145)**

- 4 4-S21. Studying Harm Reduction Strategies for Substance Use Disorders Including Overdose
- 5 Prevention Sites and Fentanyl Test Strips
- 6 5-S21. Supporting Residents and Fellows Working During Public Health Emergencies
- 7 6-S21. Updating ACP Policy on Healthcare Rights and Humane Treatment of Incarcerated Persons
- 8 7-S21. Increasing Access to Healthcare for Non-Detained Asylum Seekers Living in the United States
- 9 8-S21. Calling for Repeal of the Tampon Tax, Expanding Federal Programs to Include Coverage of
- 10 Menstrual Hygiene Products, and Supporting Increased Research into Period Poverty
- 11 9-S21. Supporting Universal Acceptance of SNAP Benefits for Online Purchases of Groceries and Grocery Delivery
- 12 10-S21. Identifying and Supporting Best Practices for Chapter Advocacy
- 13 11-S21. Studying the Impact of Social Media and Hazards of Health Disinformation, and Developing
- 14 Guidelines and Tools for Counseling Patients on Appropriate Use
- 15 12-S21. Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2030 at ACP
- 16 14-S21. Decreasing Barriers to Prescribe Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder

#### 17 18 **Adopted as a reaffirmation: (Lines 148-155)**

- 19 1-S21. Advocating for Inclusion of High Value Care, Quality Improvement, and Patient Safety in
- 20 Medical School Curriculum

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22 The Board of Regents approved, as a Consent Calendar, the recommendations regarding the disposition  
23 of each of the 11 resolutions recommended for adoption at the Spring 2021 Board of Governors Virtual  
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#### 26 **BOG Recommendations for Adoption/Implementation with Amendments:**

##### 27 ***4-S21. Studying Harm Reduction Strategies for Substance Use Disorders Including Overdose Prevention*** 28 ***Sites and Fentanyl Test Strips*** 29 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: Health and Public Policy Committee [HPPC] with input from Scientific*** 30 ***Medical Policy Committee [SMPC])***

31 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents study pertinent clinical evidence and issue policy  
32 recommendations regarding harm reduction strategies for substance use disorders including  
33 overdose prevention sites and fentanyl test strips.  
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##### 35 ***5-S21. Supporting Residents and Fellows Working During Public Health Emergencies*** 36 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: Education Committee with input from Ethics, Professionalism, and*** 37 ***Human Rights Committee [EPHRC])***

38 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents join other physician organizations (including the American  
39 Medical Association and Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine) in supporting adequate

40 protection and equitable treatment of residents and fellows in times of public health emergencies  
41 due to their inability to negotiate work conditions outside of ACGME requirements, which should  
42 include but not be limited to:

- 43 1) Access to adequate PPE and safety precautions;
- 44 2) Access to appropriate clinical support and supervision; and be it further

45 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents join other physician organizations to support protecting  
46 resident and fellow physical safety and emotional well-being, and the preservation of their  
47 education.

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49 **6-S21. Updating ACP Policy on Healthcare Rights and Humane Treatment of Incarcerated Persons**  
50 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: HPPC with input from EPHRC)**

51 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents review and update current policy related to healthcare in  
52 correctional institutions at the local, state and federal levels, including detention centers for  
53 undocumented people such as ICE detention facilities, in order to support and advocate for  
54 providing appropriate high quality medical care to those who are incarcerated, including  
55 treatment for mental health and substance use disorders; and be it further

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57 RESOLVED, in light of the current and future potential public health emergencies (particularly  
58 those related to communicable diseases) that the Board of Regents work in collaboration with  
59 other stakeholders to advocate for changes to incarceration and detention practices in order to  
60 limit the spread of infectious diseases to incarcerated persons, staff, and their communities as  
61 well as to plan for effective responses to other public health emergencies such as, but not limited  
62 to wildfires, hurricanes and flooding.

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64 **7-S21. Increasing Access to Healthcare for Non-Detained Asylum Seekers Living in the United States**  
65 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: HPPC [1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> resolved clauses] with input from EPHRC [1<sup>st</sup> clause**  
66 **only]; Education Committee [3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> resolved clauses] with input from Patient and Interprofessional**  
67 **Partnership Committee [PIPC])**

68 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocates for policy and protocols to be implemented for  
69 increasing access to healthcare for non-detained asylum seekers living in the United States. This  
70 includes but is not limited to replacing confiscated medications upon release, independent  
71 physician access to medical records obtained during the health screening, and resources to ensure  
72 access to basic healthcare; and be it further

73 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents encourages research into the medical needs of non-  
74 detained asylum seekers living in the United States as well as their current access to medical care;  
75 and be it further

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77 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents identify and disseminate evidence-based educational  
78 materials for physicians and other health care providers to prepare them to care for non-detained  
79 asylum seekers living in the United States; and be it further

80 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents identify and disseminate evidence-based materials to  
81 support physicians in educating non-detained asylum seekers living in the United States regarding  
82 access to medical care available to them.

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84 **8-S21. Calling for Repeal of the Tampon Tax, Expanding Federal Programs to Include Coverage of**  
85 **Menstrual Hygiene Products, and Supporting Increased Research into Period Poverty**  
86 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: Division of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy [DGAPP] Staff)**

87 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, in collaboration with other stakeholders, supports  
88 international, national, state, and local advocacy efforts to end taxation on menstrual hygiene  
89 products and address overall cost and availability in order to address social determinants of health  
90 and promote health equity; and be it further

91 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents support the expansion of federal programs for low income  
92 people and families to include coverage of menstrual hygiene products; and be it further

93 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, in collaboration with other stakeholders, supports  
94 increased research into barriers to accessing menstrual hygiene products and education in the  
95 United States and the implications of period poverty on vulnerable populations (including, but not  
96 limited to school-aged girls, women experiencing homelessness, low-income women, women who  
97 are migrants or refugees, women with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ people who menstruate).

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99 **9-S21. Supporting Universal Acceptance of SNAP Benefits for Online Purchases of Groceries and Grocery**  
100 **Delivery**  
101 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: HPPC)**

102 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents implement a policy supporting universal acceptance of SNAP  
103 benefits for online purchases of groceries and grocery delivery by grocers who accept SNAP and  
104 have online grocery delivery available.

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106 **10-S21. Identifying and Supporting Best Practices for Chapter Advocacy**  
107 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: Legislative Affairs staff with input from Chapter Activities staff)**

108 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents identifies best practices for chapter-level advocacy; and be it  
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110 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents creates best practices guidelines and a toolkit to support  
111 engagement in and efficacy of chapter-level advocacy at the state and federal level.

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113 **11-S21. Studying the Impact of Social Media and Hazards of Health Disinformation, and Developing**  
114 **Guidelines and Tools for Counseling Patients on Appropriate Use**  
115 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: PIPC with input from Education Committee [2<sup>nd</sup> clause only]) \*\***

116 *[\*\*The BOR will revisit 11-S21 at their July 24-25, 2021 meeting.]*

117 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with other appropriate stakeholders, undertake a  
118 study of the best practices for screening for risky use of social media and hazards of health  
119 disinformation disseminated by social media, and counseling patients on appropriate use of social  
120 media and techniques for detecting and avoiding disinformation; and be it further

121 RESOLVED, that after study, the Board of Regents, along with other appropriate stakeholders,  
122 develop guidelines and tools for counseling patients on the appropriate use of social media and  
123 methods to recognize disinformation to mitigate the individual and societal harms currently  
124 evident, while continuing to promote beneficial uses.

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126 **12-S21. Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2030 at ACP**  
127 **(RRC Referral Recommendation: Executive Office staff with input from DGAPP staff [2<sup>nd</sup> clause only])**

128 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents ask the College to measure and monitor the carbon  
129 footprint of the operation of ACP as an organization, including the Philadelphia and Washington  
130 offices, events and travel, but not the operation of chapters or membership, and then develop a  
131 plan to move the College toward carbon neutrality by 2030 by reducing its energy consumption

132 and its greenhouse gas emissions, and by appropriate utilization of certified carbon offsets where  
133 reduction is not possible; and be it further

134 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will encourage individual chapters to lower their carbon  
135 footprints through the development of a chapter toolkit, the contents of which also could be  
136 shared with health systems and other entities.

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138 ***14-S21. Decreasing Barriers to Prescribe Buprenorphine for Opioid Use Disorder***

139 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: HPPC [1<sup>st</sup> resolved clause]; Education Committee [2<sup>nd</sup> resolved])***

140 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocates to decrease barriers for physicians to prescribe  
141 buprenorphine and other medications to treat opioid use disorder by recommending the removal  
142 or reduction of the mandatory training requirement under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of  
143 2000; and be it further

144 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents work with AAMC and ACGME to establish medical student  
145 and resident curriculum on medications for opioid use disorder.

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148 **BOG Recommendation for Reaffirmation:**

149 ***1-S21. Advocating for Inclusion of High Value Care, Quality Improvement, and Patient Safety in***  
150 ***Medical School Curriculum***

151 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents collaborates with the Association of American Medical  
152 Colleges, the American Medical Association, and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education to  
153 include high value care, quality improvement, and patient safety principles into the curricular  
154 content standards for accreditation of medical education programs leading to the MD or DO  
155 degree.