

## Report of the Reference Committee on Policy

**Reference Committee Chair: Mr. Speaker, the Reference Committee on Policy has considered each of the items referred to it and desires to present the following report. The Committee's recommendations on each item will be submitted on our consent calendar.**

***Speaker:*** *Should the Congress approve the consent calendar, all items on the consent calendar will be disposed of in that single action. There will not be any opportunity for discussion on any item that is included on the consent calendar after the consent calendar is adopted. It is important, therefore, to extract an item from the consent calendar at this time if you wish to discuss that item. A motion to extract something from the consent calendar does not require a second. Any delegate may extract an item from the consent calendar by so moving that the item be extracted and the item will be extracted without objection. The items on the consent calendar are listed in the report of the reference committee and are being projected on the screen. Does anyone have anything they would like to have extracted?*

### A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Speaker, the Committee wished to place on the Consent Calendar the following items:

1. ADOPT SUBSTITUTE Resolution '16-01  
Increase Awareness of School-based Vaccination Rates
2. ADOPT SUBSTITUTE Resolution '16-03  
Oppose Policing within Medical Care and Facilities
3. ADOPT Resolution '16-04  
Oppose Discrimination Against Transgender People
4. ADOPT SUBSTITUTE Resolution '16-05  
Death with Dignity
5. ADOPT Resolution '16-06  
Health Coverage for Nutritional Products for Inborn Errors of Metabolism
6. ADOPT AMENDED Resolution '16-13  
Expanding Vaccine Coverage Access for Adults
7. ADOPT Resolution '16-16  
Mandated NYSIIS Reporting for Adult Vaccine Doses
8. ADOPT Resolution '16-17  
School Based Influenza Immunization
9. ADOPT Resolution '16-18  
Require Influenza Immunization for Preschool Attendance

Mr. Speaker, the Committee moves adoption of the Consent Calendar as listed.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution '16-01

**RESOLUTION 16-01**

**SUBJECT: Resolution to Increase Awareness of School-Based Vaccination Rates**  
**PRESENTED BY: Public Health Commission**  
**AUTHOR: Emily Holt, DO**

RESOLVED, that NYSAFP advocate with New York State that the publically available data collected about vaccine exemption rates for each school be actively distributed to reach parents who might not be actively seeking the information, and parents be provided information about herd immunity.

DISCUSSION: The Committee heard limited testimony. Some of the compelling testimony surrounded different reporting mechanisms such as school report cards. The committee recommends the following substitute resolved:

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends a Substitute Resolution to read as follows:

*RESOLVED, that NYSAFP advocate that New York State make available data collected about vaccine exemption rates and about vaccine preventable disease rates for each school and that such data be distributed through existing mechanisms such as the school report cards. These data will be provided to parents and guardians along with an explanation of how this information relates to herd immunity.*

Mr. Speaker, we recommend that Substitute Resolution '16-01 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution '16-03.

**RESOLUTION 16-03**

**SUBJECT: Oppose Policing within Medical Care and Facilities**  
**PRESENTED BY: Public Health Commission**  
**AUTHOR: Linda Prine**

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) advocates that hospitals should have standard training for security guards that emphasizes de-escalation of potentially violent situations. Such training should emphasize alternatives to the use of physical force, and be it further RESOLVED the NYSAFP advocate for a stop to policing other than that absolutely needed for patient and staff safety issues within medical settings including reporting of immigration status that could lead people to avoid medical care and, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP's delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates will present a resolution for the AAFP to oppose policing at medical facilities.

DISCUSSION: The Committee heard fervent testimony about patient safety and the appropriate conduct of security personnel, however, there seemed to be general agreement on not reporting immigration status, suggesting that the two concepts are separate issues.

RECOMMENDATION Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends the approval of a substitute resolution, separating the two issues as follows:

***RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP oppose medical facilities reporting immigration status to authorities.***

***RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP advocate that security personnel working in medical facilities receive training that emphasizes de-escalation techniques.***

***RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP's delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates will present a resolution that directs the AAFP to oppose medical facilities reporting immigration status to authorities.***

***RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP's delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates will present a resolution that directs the AAFP to advocate that security personnel working in medical facilities receive training that emphasizes de-escalation techniques.***

Mr. Speaker, we recommend that Substitute Resolution '16-03 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution '16-04.

#### **RESOLUTION 16-04**

**SUBJECT:                Oppose Discrimination Against Transgender People**  
**PRESENTED BY:       Public Health Commission**  
**AUTHOR:                Linda Prine**

RESOLVED, that New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) endorse existing anti-discrimination laws protecting people from discrimination based on gender expression and identity

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP oppose restroom restrictive laws that compromise the safety and health of transgender people, and be it

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP support adding gender expression and gender identity to the protected categories within New York State's anti-discrimination laws and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP delegates take a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates (COD) directing the AAFP to oppose laws that compromise the safety and health of transgender people.

DISCUSSION: The Committee heard testimony that strongly supported this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution “16-0 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution ’16-05.

### **RESOLUTION 16-05**

**SUBJECT:**                **Death with Dignity**  
**PRESENTED BY:**   **Public Health Commission**  
**AUTHORS:**           **Amanda Harris, MD, MPH; Heather Paladine, MD**

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP endorses aid-in-dying legislation enacted in Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and California, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians support legislation to expand the choices at end-of-life to include medical aid-in-dying by means of a patient-directed, patient administered prescription medication, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP delegates to AAFP COD bring forth a resolution that directs AAFP to support legislation to expand the choices at end-of-life to include medical aid-in-dying by means of a patient-directed, patient administered prescription medication.

DISCUSSION: The Committee heard passionate testimony given the sensitivity of this issue, and support for the resolution was evenly divided. One solution is to adopt the approach used by the California Medical Association, which neither advocates nor opposes legislation pertaining to Death with Dignity.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution ’16-05 not be adopted as written; the second resolved clause deleted; and a substitute resolved clause submitted, to read as follows:

***RESOLVED, that NYSAFP will not actively oppose state or federal legislation regarding medical aid-in-dying by means of a patient-directed, patient administered prescription medication.***

Mr. Speaker, we recommend that Substitute Resolution ’16-05 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution '16-06.

### **RESOLUTION 16-06**

**SUBJECT:** Health Coverage for Nutritional Products for Inborn Errors of Metabolism  
**PRESENTED BY:** Robert J. Ostrander, MD  
**AUTHOR:** Robert J. Ostrander, MD

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) shall work with legislators to draft and pass legislation mandating insurance coverage not subject to cost sharing for specialized nutritional products used to treat inborn errors of metabolism, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSAFP shall present a resolution to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) COD that directs the AAFP to advocate with the Department of HHS and members of Congress for the classification of specialized nutritional products for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism as an essential health benefit under the ACA for individuals of all ages diagnosed with these conditions, and that they be categorized as preventive measures not subject to cost sharing

DISCUSSION: The limited testimony we heard regarding this resolution was supportive.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution '16-06 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution '16-13.

### **RESOLUTION 16-13**

**SUBJECT:** Expanding Vaccine Coverage Access for Adults  
**PRESENTED BY:** Public Health Commission  
**AUTHOR:** Scott Hartman

RESOLVED, That the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) advocate for a state-funded adult vaccine program including coverage of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended vaccines given within the office of the primary care clinician, specifically for patients who are uninsured or whose insurance plans do not offer full vaccine coverage.

DISCUSSION: the Committee heard testimony that generally supported this resolution. We consulted various on-line resources, and it was not clear whether private physicians have access to adult vaccine programs.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, based on testimony received the Committee recommends a minor amendment to include “expansion of current” and delete “for a” to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) advocate *expansion of current* state-funded adult vaccine programs to include coverage of all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended vaccines given within the office of the primary care clinician, specifically for patients who are uninsured or whose insurance plans do not offer full vaccine coverage.

The Committee recommends that Resolution ’16-13 be adopted as amended.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution ’16-16.

#### **RESOLUTION 16-16**

**SUBJECT:** Mandated NYSIIS Reporting for Adult Vaccine Doses  
**PRESENTED BY:** Ad Hoc Committee on Vaccine Policy  
**AUTHOR:** Phil Kaplan, MD

RESOLVED, New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) shall advocate for mandated reporting of adult vaccine doses by all vaccinators in NYS to the NYSIIS or the NYC CIR, which are administered after the effective date of such amendment to law or regulation.

DISCUSSION: We acknowledge in clinical practice that knowing an adult’s immunization status would be useful. However, the current reporting is voluntary and therefore does not always occur; thus, it should be mandatory.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution ‘16-16 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution ’16-17.

#### **RESOLUTION 16-17**

**SUBJECT:** School Based Influenza Immunization  
**PRESENTED BY:** Robert Ostrander, MD and Philip Kaplan, MD  
**AUTHOR:** Robert Ostrander, MD and Philip Kaplan, MD

RESOLVED, New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) shall advocate for availability of school based influenza immunization in NYS.

DISCUSSION: The Committee heard testimony in favor of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution '16-17 be adopted.

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee considered Resolution '16-18.

**RESOLUTION 16-18**

**SUBJECT:           Require Influenza Immunization for Preschool Attendance**  
**PRESENTED BY:   Robert Ostrander, MD and Philip Kaplan, MD**  
**AUTHOR:           Robert Ostrander, MD and Philip Kaplan, MD**

RESOLVED, NYSAFP shall advocate mandated influenza immunization as a criterion for attendance at licensed daycare centers throughout New York State, similar to the requirement currently existing in New York City, New Jersey and Connecticut.

DISCUSSION: Testimony generally supported this resolution. Although some public backlash may arise, the public health benefit merits our support. CDC states that many children commonly need medical care because of influenza, especially before they turn 5 years of age; moreover, severe influenza complications are most common among children younger than 2 years of age. One suggestion was that we poll the Membership to determine support, which may be merited give the CDC statement.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommends that Resolution '16-18 be adopted.

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