

SUBJECT: H248-A/05 GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) FUNDING
FOR RESIDENCY PROGRAMS USING VOLUNTEER FACULTY

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Federal Health Programs / Council on AOA Policy

REFERRED TO: Committee on Professional Affairs

1 RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Federal Health Programs and the Council on AOA Policy
2 recommend that the following policy be Reaffirmed as Amended:

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5 The American Osteopathic Association: (1) supports the enactment of federal legislation that
6 increases and adequately finances the training of osteopathic residents in ambulatory non-
7 hospital sites; (2) ~~EMPLOY~~ **EMPLOY** ~~calls upon~~ grassroots efforts to contact US Senators and
8 Representatives, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to take the necessary steps
9 to allow hospitals to utilize volunteer faculty without funding decreases by Medicare; and (3)
10 supports the enactment of federal legislation that clarifies Congressional intent as established in
11 the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, allowing teaching hospitals and physicians in non-hospital
12 sites to enter into educational agreements to train osteopathic residents regardless of financial
13 arrangement. 2005

ACTION TAKEN _____

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