

SUBJECT: FACILITATING VERIFICATION OF ACGME TRAINING FOR AOA BOARD ELIGIBILITY

SUBMITTED BY: Market Share Policy Council

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee 3

1 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) seeks to attract osteopathic
2 physicians (DOs) who have completed ACGME training to become AOA board
3 certified; and

4 WHEREAS, the AOA Market Share Policy Council (MSPC) was established to review
5 policies that are perceived as barriers to the process of certification for ACGME
6 trained DOs; and

7 WHEREAS, the current process of approval of ACGME training involves a training
8 complete recommendation from osteopathic specialty affiliates; and

9 WHEREAS, procedures used to review ACGME training across specialty affiliates beyond
10 the first year of training vary by specialty affiliate; and

11 WHEREAS, Resolution 56, established to facilitate the process of certification, sets
12 precedent for AOA staff to verify that the DOs successfully completed ACGME
13 training and therefore are eligible for AOA board certification; and

14 WHEREAS, encouraging ACGME-trained DOs to become AOA board certified early
15 engages them to continue actively in the osteopathic family; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, that the AOA use standardized criteria to approve ACGME training as
17 complete; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, that AOA staff exclusively be responsible for the process to verify ACGME
19 training is completed through primary source verification before ACGME-trained
20 DOs are recognized as eligible for AOA board certification; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, that the Program and Trainee Review Council no longer reviews ACGME-
22 trained DO applications; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, that DOs living in states requiring a first year of AOA approved training for
24 licensure must continue to apply for this approval through the Resolution 42
25 process.

Explanatory Statement: These changes would follow the precedent set through Resolution 56. The revised process to verify ACGME training to be eligible for AOA board certification would not preclude an ACGME-trained DO who seeks licensure in Florida,

Michigan, Oklahoma and/or Pennsylvania, from needing AOA approval of their first year of training through the Resolution 42 process. As an example, if a ACGME-trained DO practicing in Kentucky when he or she obtained AOA board certification through the expedited process outlined in this resolution, then decided to move to Pennsylvania to practice, he or she would need to apply for approval of training through the Resolution 42 pathway.

ACTION TAKEN _____

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