

SUBJECT: DUE PROCESS FOR ALLEGED IMPAIRED PHYSICIANS

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Membership and Council on AOA Policy

REFERRED TO: Committee on Professional Affairs

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1 RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Membership and the Council on AOA Policy recommend  
2 that the following policy be Reaffirmed.

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4 It is the policy of the American Osteopathic Association that, except in the case of  
5 summary suspension necessary to protect patients from imminent harm, no adverse action  
6 be taken against the staff privileges of a physician by a hospital, managed care  
7 organization or insurer based on a claim of physician impairment without a suitable due  
8 process hearing in accordance with medical staff bylaws to determine the facts related to  
9 the allegations of impairment, and, where appropriate, a careful clinical evaluation of the  
10 physician. 1999; reaffirmed 2004

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED

DATE 7/17/09