SUBJECT: Policy Statement Revisions

SUBMITTED BY: Ohio Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees

REFERRED TO:

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENTS BE AMENDED AND AFFIRMED:

3 4 **Hospital Medical Staff Discrimination** 5 6 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association continue to seek revisions in state 7 laws and regulations that strengthen prohibitions against BE VIGILANT AND 8 MONITOR FOR osteopathic discrimination AGAINST OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS 9 AND ADVOCATE FOR EQUAL RECOGNITION based on non recognition of AOA 10 training and/or SPECIALTY certification by hospitals, FREE-STANDING MEDICAL 11 AND SURGICAL CENTERS and third party payers. (original 1991) 12 13 **Safe Prescriptions and Drug Diversion Tactics** 14 15 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) encourages colleges of 16 osteopathic medicine to educate students about common diversionary tactics used to 17 obtain scheduled drugs; and, be it further 18 19 RESOLVED, that the OOA periodically publish information and/or provide continuing 20 medical education on best practices in order to reduce medication errors and prevent drug 21 diversion in physician practices; and, be it further 22 23 RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the American Osteopathic 24 Association for consideration by the 2006 AOA House of Delegates. 25 26 **School Health Policies and Childhood Obesity** 27 28 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) supports programs that 29 advocate physical fitness in private and public schools for Ohio's youths; and be it further 30 31 RESOLVED, that the OOA support healthier food and drinks in public and private 32 schools; and be it further 33 34 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association continues to encourage its physician 35 members to educate and caution their patients, school superintendents, and members of 36 school boards across Ohio as to the ABOUT THE health consequences of CONSUMING 37 carbonated soft drinks and urge them to eliminate THE SALE OF these products in our 38 ON school PROPERTY systems; and be it further

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- 40 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association continue to publish articles in its
- 41 publications and on its website concerning SUPPORT school health issues INITIATIVES
- 42 and CAMPAIGNS TO PREVENT childhood obesity.