

SUBJECT: Enhancing ACOFP In-Service Exam Reports by Adding AOBFP Board Passage Prediction Scores

SUBMITTED BY: Ohio Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

REFERRED TO: 2025 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) administers an annual in-
2 service exam to assess resident knowledge, identify strengths, weaknesses and prepare residents for
3 the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) certification exam [1]; and

4 WHEREAS, the ACOFP and AOA/AOBFP have data regarding the correlation of performance on the in-
5 service exam to likely performance on the initial AOBFP certification exam [2], score reports of the in-
6 service exam currently lack individual resident predictor reports on this correlation, which limits the
7 utility of the report for both residents and training programs; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) provides residents with in-service exam
9 score reports that include a percentage likelihood of passing the ABFM board certification exam, offers
10 greater clarity and actionable feedback [3]; and

11 WHEREAS, providing residents with a percentage likelihood of passing the AOBFP certification exam
12 based on in-service exam performance would enhance feedback, improve resident preparation, and
13 strengthen the competitiveness of the AOBFP in-service exam; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) advocate for the
15 inclusion of an individual percentage likelihood of passing the American Osteopathic Board of Family
16 Physicians (AOBFP) board certification exam within the annual AOBFP in-service score reports
17 provided to residents after completion of the exam; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP tasks its In-service work group to work in collaboration with the AOBFP
19 and other relevant stakeholders to develop and validate predictive metrics for the inclusion of such
20 information in in-service exam reports; and be it further

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22 RESOLVED, that ACOFP ensures transparency and communication with residency programs regarding
23 the methodology used to calculate the predictive metrics to build confidence and trust in the updated
24 score reporting system; and be it further

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26 RESOLVED, that ACOFP implement these changes promptly to maintain and enhance the
27 competitiveness and value of the AOBFP in-service exam with its competitors.

FINAL ACTION: AMENDED & APPROVED as of April 2, 2025

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