RESOLVED, that the AOA Board of Trustees recommend that the following policy be 

H800-A/14 SINGLE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) will evaluate and report to the membership and AOA House of Delegates annually, between 2015 and 2021, concerning the following issues:

1) The ability of AOA-trained and certified physicians to serve as program directors in the single GME accreditation system;
2) The maintenance of smaller, rural and community based training programs;
3) The number of solely AOA certified physicians serving as program directors in each specialty;
4) The number of osteopathic identified GME programs and number of osteopathic identified GME positions gained and lost;
5) The number of osteopathic residents taking osteopathic board certification examinations;
6) The status of recognition of osteopathic board certification being deemed equivalent by the ACGME;
7) The importance of osteopathic board certification as a valid outcome benchmark of the quality of osteopathic residency programs, and be it further

Any proposed single graduate medical education (GME) accreditation system will provide for the preservation of the unique distinctiveness of osteopathic medicine, osteopathic graduate medical education, osteopathic licensing examinations, osteopathic board certification, osteopathic divisional societies, osteopathic specialty societies, osteopathic specialty colleges, the AOA, and the osteopathic profession. The AOA will remain vigilant in its oversight of the single accreditation process and utilize its ability to cease negotiations as delineated in the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) should osteopathic principles and educational opportunities be materially compromised. The AOA will seek to create an exception category to allow the institution/program, on a case by case basis, up to a one year extension without prejudice for an institution/program that has their budget previously planned so as not to put that institution/program at a competitive disadvantage. The AOA will advocate for an extension of the closure date for AOA accreditation beyond July 1, 2020, where appropriate for individual programs on a case by case basis. The AOA will enter into a single accreditation system that perpetuates unique osteopathic graduate medical education programs. 2014
Explanatory Statement:
This policy was originally introduced by the AOA Board of Trustees and approved by the 2014 House of Delegates.

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