**Access to All FDA- Approved Contraception Methods for Medicare Patients**

WHEREAS the ability to prevent unintended pregnancy is an important social determinant of health[[1]](#footnote-1), and

WHEREAS many men and women who are disabled and rely on Medicare for health coverage cannot afford the out of pocket expenses for contraceptives[[2]](#footnote-2), yet pregnancy is sometimes a health risk for them[[3]](#footnote-3), and

WHEREAS although the Affordable Care Act mandates coverage of all FDA- approved methods of contraception as preventive medical care[[4]](#footnote-4), contraception is not included in the preventative and screening services of Medicare for men and women of reproductive age[[5]](#footnote-5), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the XXXX State Academy of Family Physicians supports Medicare coverage for all FDA-approved methods of contraception, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the XXX’s delegates to the AAFP Congress of Delegates will present a resolution for the AAFP to write a letter to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services advocating for full coverage of all contraceptive options for men and women of reproductive age.

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