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], 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], yet pregnancy is sometimes a health risk for them[3], and

WHEREAS although the Affordable Care Act mandates coverage of all FDA- approved methods of contraception as preventive medical care[4], contraception is not included in the preventative and screening services of Medicare for men and women of reproductive age[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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[2] Oct 01 and 2004, "Health Care and the 2004 Elections: Health Care for Americans with Disabilities," 200, accessed May 18, 2015, http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/health-care-and-the-2004-elections-health/.

[3] Lisa I. Iezzoni et al., "General Health, Health Conditions, and Current Pregnancy among U.S. Women with and without Chronic Physical Disabilities," *Disability and Health Journal* 7, no. 2 (April 2014): 181–88, doi:10.1016/j.dhjo.2013.12.002.

[4] "State Policies in Brief: Insurance Coverage of Contraceptives" (Guttmacher Institute, May 1, 2015), http://www.guttmacher.org/statecenter/spibs/spib_ICC.pdf.

[5] "Preventive & Screening Services | Medicare.gov," accessed May 21, 2015, http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-and-screening-services.html.