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Reinforce Support of Ensuring Accurate Medical Information at Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs)

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WHEREAS, The Congress of Delegates adopted substitute Resolution No. 502 (New B)
entitled Ensure Accurate Medical Information at Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) in 2011, and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) sent a letter to the Secretary of
HHS on July 20, 2012, and

WHEREAS, a letter dated November 7, 2012 from Secretary Sebelius’ office was received at
AAFP in response to the AAFP letter of July 20, 2012, and

WHEREAS, CPCs continue to proliferate since 2012, and it is estimated that there are between
2,500 and 4,000 centers across the United States compared to approximately 800 abortion clinics,
and

WHEREAS, women are entitled to comprehensive and unbiased medical information and CPCs
have been shown to intentionally mislead women with inaccurate or incomplete medical
information, and

WHEREAS, CPCs are not required to employ staff who are medically trained or appropriately
qualified to diagnose and accurately date pregnancy, and

WHEREAS, CPCs continue to secure public money without public accountability, as an example
Pennsylvania gave more than $30 million from 2012 to 2017 to Real Alternatives, a network of
pregnancy centers and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support efforts to hold crisis
pregnancy centers accountable for false or misleading advertising about the pregnancy-related
services they offer, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians engage in advocacy and lobbying
efforts to support legislation mandating that crisis pregnancy centers disclose whether or not there
is a licensed medical provider on staff and to disclose that they do not provide or refer for
contraception or abortion services, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose the use of federal funds to
support crisis pregnancy centers, and be it further, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support efforts to hold crisis pregnancy centers accountable for false or misleading advertising about the pregnancy-related services they offer.