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Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) in Practice

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WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy supporting both the access to training in long-acting, reversible contraception management and procedures, as well as supporting it as a first-line aspect of contraceptive care with assurance of insurance coverage, and

WHEREAS, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology has both a position statement and online links to information regarding implementation of long-acting, reversible contraception programs in clinical practice separate from the AAFP, and

WHEREAS, physicians generally are not specifically educated in practice implementation of procedural programs and have financial and information barriers to the introduction of such procedures into communities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to expand educational training in residency programs to include the process of ordering and managing long-acting, reversible contraception programs in active practice after training, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians make available and accessible to physicians a communication access point to locate resources to bring long-acting, reversible contraception to local communities through enhanced training and business management information and networks.