



Resolution No. 615 - Puerto Rico Primary Care Physician Exodus

ACTION TAKEN BY THE 2018 CONGRESS OF DELEGATES: REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board of Directors referred the resolution to the Commission on Education. Please address questions to Karen Mitchell, MD at kmitchell@aafp.org (<mailto:kmitchell@aafp.org>).

Report as of 4/2019:

The Commission on Education recommended, and the Board of Directors approved at its April 2019 meeting to accept this resolution for information. The commission discussed that the known factors influencing workforce exodus already are well documented. Furthermore, based on a review of efforts to address the problem, solutions already are being implemented by local government and island officials. In order to study the physician exodus (1st resolved), and find possible solutions to address the physician shortage (2nd resolved), a large fiscal note would need to be approved. Therefore, the commission recommended to accept this resolution for information.

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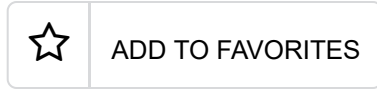
WHEREAS, The primary care physician shortage is a problem affecting the U.S., however, Puerto Rico is dealing with an additional issue - a physician exodus, and

WHEREAS, there are 9,240 fewer primary care physicians in Puerto Rico than three years ago worsening the physician shortage on the island, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians, in coordination with the Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians chapter, study the causes of primary care physician exodus, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with the Puerto Rico Academy of Family Physicians chapter to find possible solutions to address the physician shortage in Puerto Rico.

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