

SUBJECT: ADDICTION MEDICINE

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists

REFERRED TO: Executive Committee of the AOA Board of Trustees

1 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved the Addiction Medicine
2 conjoint subspecialty/certification of additional qualification (CAQ) in 1995; and

3 WHEREAS, since 2002, when the AOA closed the clinical pathway to the subspecialty/CAQ,
4 390 osteopathic physicians sought and obtained American Society of Addiction
5 Medicine (ASAM)/ American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) certification
6 outside of the AOA; and

7 WHEREAS, ABAM recently entered into an agreement under which its certification program
8 will be administered by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (an American
9 Board of Medical Specialties, ABMS, board) and the new subspecialty of Addiction
10 Medicine will be open to any physician certified by any of the 24 Member Boards of the
11 ABMS; and

12 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians who have primary certification from American Osteopathic
13 Association (AOA) Certifying Boards are effectively shut out of the process; therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, that the AOA should create a mechanism to allow those osteopathic physicians
16 who have an Active AOA primary certification and an Active ABAM certification to be
17 granted subspecialty/CAQ certification in Addiction Medicine, with a requirement that
18 they maintain such certification through the AOA's Addiction Medicine Osteopathic
19 Continuous Certification (OCC) process.

Explanatory Statement:

This resolution is strictly limited to the issue of allowing physicians with primary AOA board certification and ABAM certification in addiction medicine a pathway to AOA subspecialty certification in Addiction Medicine. There are no opportunities for osteopathic physicians with primary certification from an AOA board to retain addiction medicine certification because the ABMS boards require primary certification from an ABMS board. Once in the system, examination will occur at the appropriate 10 year interval based on the date of initial certification and other OCC requirements will apply.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED

DATE April 12, 2016