

Exhibit A

SUBJECT: OSTEOPATHIC CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATION COMPONENT 5

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS)

REFERRED TO: Finance Committee

- 1 WHEREAS, current Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) policy for Component 5
- 2 requires membership in good standing through the AOA that serves to establish the
- 3 foundation of commitment to lifelong learning through basic CME requirements; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Certifying Board Services Task Force has submitted recommendations to the
- 5 BOS regarding Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) Component 5; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the BOS has reviewed the report of the Task Force; now therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, that AOA board certification be decoupled from AOA membership.

Financial Impact:

If certification is no longer offered as a members-only benefit, there may be a decline in membership renewal while member services are restructured. Each 5% decline in membership could result in a \$1,052,805 reduction in dues revenue.

FY 2017 Dues Revenue Budget: \$21,056,100

ACTION TAKEN **BOT Approved: THE FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT BEING
ADDED TO RES NO. B-12 – M/2017**

DATE February 28, 2017

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REFERRED TO: BOT Reference Committee

1 WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION INTENDS TO
2 MAINTAIN ITS PROGRAM OF BOARD CERTIFICATION AS THE BOARD
3 CERTIFICATION OF CHOICE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS; AND

4 WHEREAS, current Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) policy for Component 5
5 requires membership in good standing through the American Osteopathic Association
6 that serves to establish the foundation of commitment to lifelong learning through basic
7 Continuing Medical Education requirements; and

8 WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION’S (“AOA”) FEBRUARY
9 2014 AGREEMENT WITH THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE
10 MEDICAL EDUCATION (“ACGME”) TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE
11 SINGLE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL
12 EDUCATION WILL ALLOW ALL OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SOME
13 MD PHYSICIANS COMPLETING RESIDENCY TRAINING AFTER 2020 TO
14 BECOME CERTIFIED BY THE AOA’S CERTIFYING BOARDS; AND
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16 WHEREAS, SOME PHYSICIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE RAISED
17 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VALUE OF MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION
18 AND OSTEOPATHIC CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATION (“OCC”) PROGRAMS;
19 AND
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21 WHEREAS, IN 2015, THE AOA PRESIDENT CREATED A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
22 THE CURRENT AOA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING OCC, AND
23 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ENHANCE THE PROGRAM SO
24 THAT IT WILL REMAIN VALUABLE TO PHYSICIANS IN THE LONG TERM;
25 AND

26 WHEREAS, the Certifying Board Services Task Force has submitted recommendations to the
27 BOS regarding OCC Component 5; and

28 WHEREAS, the BOS has reviewed the report of the Task Force; AND

29 WHEREAS, THE AOA AFTER REVIEW OF THE TASK FORCE REPORTS AND
30 RECOMMENDATIONS BELIEVES THAT AOA MEMBERSHIP ADDS VALUE
31 TO THE CERTIFICATION PRODUCT BY SUBSTANTIALLY ASSISTING
32 OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS IN MEETING OCC REQUIREMENTS AND
33 PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE AOA’S ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR
34 PHYSICIANS WHOSE CERTIFICATION CREDENTIALS ARE CHALLENGED,
35 BUT AGREES WITH THE TASK FORCE THAT SUCH MEMBERSHIP IS NOT

1 ESSENTIAL TO SATISFYING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; now,
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, that American Osteopathic Association board certification be decoupled from
4 AOA membership; AND BE IT FURTHER

5 **RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AT A**
6 **TIME AND DATE DETERMINED BY THE MANAGEMENT TEAM IN**
7 **CONSULTATION WITH AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF**
8 **TRUSTEES.**

Reference Committee Explanatory Statement:

The “WHEREAS” statements provide context for this decision and shall be maintained in the Policy Compendium and any other official records of this action.

ACTION TAKEN **APPROVED as AMENDED**

DATE **March 2, 2017**