RESOLUTION 2021 C

SUBJECT: Osteopathic Board Payment Reform

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: David Leszkowitz, DO (OCOMA Delegate)

REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs

Recommendation from Committee: Approve with Amendments

ACTION AT MOA HOD: APPROVED AS AMENDED

Whereas, Osteopathic senior residents often choose to take allopathic rather than the osteopathic certification board examination in their specialty; and

Whereas, the costs involved in taking certification board examinations are often a significant factor in senior residents’ decision-making; and

Whereas, in order to ensure the survival of the osteopathic boards as well as preserving the osteopathic profession, it is critical to address costs and other factors which may be dissuading residents from choosing the osteopathic certification board option; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) encourage the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) to work with the osteopathic specialty boards to reduce the costs associated with osteopathic certification boards in order to become competitive with allopathic board examinations; and, be it further

Resolved, that the moa encourage AOA to continue developing potential solutions including analysis of costs which result in incentivizing senior osteopathic residents to choose to take osteopathic, rather than allopathic, certification board examinations and report actions taken back to the MOA House of Delegates in 2022.