ENDORSE ONE KEY QUESTION – passed with endorsement removed.

RESOLVED, That the AAFP encourage physicians to routinely ask patients of reproductive age if they intend to become parents in the next year, and provide appropriate services as indicated.

9-2011 COD REFERENCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The reference committee heard extensive testimony on Resolution Nos. 401 and 402 with most supporting the overall concept of assuring better birth outcomes through determining the intention of women to become pregnant and then providing appropriate services. Some spoke to the need to include not only women but also men in such assessments. Concern was expressed by several speakers to the inclusion of references to emergency contraception in Resolution No. 401. [RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) endorse the “One Key Question” campaign encouraging all physicians to routinely ask women of reproductive age if they intend to become parents in the next year, and provide appropriate services as indicated, including screening for pregnancy-related risk factors, provision of prenatal vitamins, contraceptive counseling including recommendation of emergency contraception as backup method, and counseling on sexually transmitted infection prevention.]

Others pointed out that calling for the AAFP to endorse a specific program has risks as the Academy has no control over such programs and would have to actively monitor to assure it did not change. Another point raised was the challenge of introducing the expectation of this being done on a yearly basis in an already busy clinical practice. The reference committee feels that the first resolved clause of both resolutions are existing policy. While agreeing with the overall concept as stated in the second resolved clause, the reference committee in response to many of the concerns raised, recommends a substitute resolution (See top of page).