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SUBMITTED TO: American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Osteopathic Association

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as Amended
Professional Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: Limited Practice Clinical Specialty Certification Exception

- 1 **Whereas**, osteopathic board certification is often required for hospital privileges, insurance
2 reimbursement, and state licensure; and
- 3 **Whereas**, all osteopathic board-certified physicians with time-limited certificates are required to
4 participate in the Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) process to maintain their board
5 certification; and
- 6 **Whereas**, an increasing number of osteopathic board-certified physicians are moving to a non-
7 clinical (academic, administrative, research) role; and
- 8 **Whereas**, part of the OCC process requires physicians to participate in practice performance
9 assessment; and
- 10 **Whereas**, a change in clinical practice status to non-clinical roles can have an adverse affect on
11 the certification status of osteopathic board-certified physicians.
- 12 **Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that, when recertifying or documenting OCC compliance, an
13 osteopathic physician who practices is practicing less than 50% clinically, shall have an
14 opportunity to apply for an exception from the practice performance assessment component
15 based on criteria, policy and procedures established by each specialty certifying Board; and
- 16 **Be it Further Resolved**, that each Specialty Certifying Board consider developing exception
17 criteria; and
- 18 **Be it Further Resolved**, that once exception is granted, the osteopathic physician must
19 maintain an unrestricted state license for the practice of osteopathic medicine, American
20 Osteopathic Association (AOA) membership, and conform to the continuing medical education
21 (CME) requirements of the respective osteopathic specialty certifying board; and
- 22 **Be it Further Resolved**, that in order to re-instate full clinical practice status, the osteopathic
23 physician must comply with all requirements of the re-entry process as established by the
24 appropriate osteopathic specialty certifying board.