

1                                    **Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians**  
2                                    **2015 General Assembly**

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4    **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

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6    **Dues Increase for Active, Inactive and Supporting Membership**

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8    **Submitted by: LAFP Board of Directors**  
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11    **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) Board of Directors discussed the  
12    issue of a dues increase of \$25 dollars starting in 2016 and made the determination that this  
13    dues increase of \$25 dollars is essential to maintain LAFP’s ability to maintain financial viability,  
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16    **WHEREAS**, Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) Board of Directors, in recognition of  
17    this need, approved the dues increase of \$25 dollars starting in 2016, therefore, be it

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19    **RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) Board of Directors urges the  
20    membership to approve for the annual dues for active members of the LAFP will increase \$25  
21    dollars beginning January 2016 resulting in the total annual dues for chapter dues to be \$300  
22    dollars be approved by the General Assembly at its August, 2015 meeting.

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25    **Background Information**

26    The current LAFP Bylaws state that the Board of Directors fiduciary responsibility for setting  
27    active member dues each year, up to a certain amount. Once that capped amount is reached,  
28    the General Assembly must increase this cap by a 2/3 vote. The Bylaws also give the Board of  
29    Directors fiduciary responsibility for setting annual dues for other member classifications.

30    Minimal dues increases have occurred one time in five years with the annual dues for active  
31    members remaining under \$300 per year.

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33    The LAFP had its last dues increase in the amount of \$50 approved by the General Assembly in  
34    2009.

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36    As of 1/1/15 the Louisiana Academy Family Physicians is considered a medium chapter (401-  
37    1,000 active members) along with 14 other chapters the same size and their chapter dues are as  
38    follows:

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40            1. Alabama                    \$295  
41            2. Arkansas                    \$250  
42            3. Connecticut                \$300  
43            4. Idaho                        \$250  
44            5. Kentucky                    \$350  
45            6. Louisiana                    \$275  
46            7. Maine                        \$180

47	8. Maryland	\$350
48	9. Mississippi	\$250
49	10. Nebraska	\$325
50	11. New Hampshire	\$145
51	12. New Mexico	\$270
52	13. Oklahoma	\$275
53	14. Utah	\$250
54	15. West Virginia	\$275

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56 There are 5 chapters that their dues are higher than the Louisiana Chapter, 7 chapters are lower  
57 and 2 chapters that are the same.

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59 **AAFP History**

60 In 1994, the bylaws were amended to increase the active member dues cap to \$350. The cap  
61 was not increased for 14 years, until 2008, when it was increased to \$450. Thus, the rarity of  
62 seeking an increase in the cap is demonstrative of the board's caution in increasing dues,  
63 together with the long-standing trust by the CoD in the board's management of active member  
64 dues decisions.

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66 The AAFP initiated a dues increase of dues of \$10 (from \$395 to \$405), effective January 1, 2013,  
67 \$10 (from \$405 to \$415), effective January 1, 2014 and dues of \$5 (from \$415 to \$420), effective  
68 January 1, 2015.