

**Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians
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RESOLUTION NO 4.

Patient Transfer of Care

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1 **WHEREAS**, patients have the right to go to any physician who will see them; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, patients belong to neither a physician nor that physician’s employer; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, patients may seek care outside of any network; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, patient autonomy and continuity is paramount; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, patient autonomy and continuity is potentially restricted by non-compete clauses in
10 physician employment contracts; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, patients have the right to follow a physician who leaves the employ of any entity;
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15 **WHEREAS**, the patient-physician bond shall be allowed to be maintained without any penalty or
16 sacrifice; therefore be it

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18 **RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians endorses the practice and
19 appropriate legislation which provides a mechanism for that continuity at the patient’s
20 discretion; and further be it

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22 **RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians recommends that in the case where
23 a patient's physician is an employed physician, and said physician is no longer part of the
24 physician employer, that physician employer SHALL provide, in writing, the following options to
25 that physician’s patient:

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- I, the patient, chose to follow my current physician who is no longer under your
27 employ and request that all records be transferred to my current physician who is
28 no longer under your employ for the sake of continuity and preference.

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- I, the patient, wish to stay in the current physician employer’s system and have the
30 right to select which physician I wish to assume my care.

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- I, the patient, wish to stay in the current physician employer's system and will allow
32 the employer to assign my care to any physician within the employer entity.

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- I, the patient, no longer wish to be cared for by the physician employer and request
34 a personal copy of my chart or access to the full chart within your system using the
35 appropriate log ins.