**Resolution: Adoption of the policy paper entitled “Rural and Remote Maternity Care”**

WHEREAS the CFMS does not currently have a position paper on the state of rural and remote maternity care;

WHEREAS rural and remote residents face significant and unique barriers with respect to local, safe, and culturally sensitive maternity care;

WHEREAS access to intrapartum care in rural and remote Canada has been declining steeply for the past several decades, and increased distance to care is associated with adverse outcomes both maternally and neonatally;

WHEREAS a large proportion of Indigenous peoples live in rural and remote areas, resulting in further barriers to culturally-sensitive intrapartum care;

WHEREAS research has demonstrated that interest in providing obstetrical care most often develops during clerkship;

WHEREAS the adoption of such a position paper would allow the VP Global Health, NOGHE, NOIH, NORSH, LORSHs and all Canadian medical students to advocate on this issue;

WHEREAS the adoption of such a position paper would allow the CFMS to release a formal statement when the issue is brought up in the future;

BIRT the CFMS adopt the position paper “Rural and Remote Maternity Care”

Financial Cost: $0

Level of Effort: 0 hours

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