SUBJECT: TIMELY INSPECTION AND ACTION ON OSTEOPATHIC TRAINING PROGRAMS

SUBMITTED BY: Bureau of OGME Development

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1 WHEREAS, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established limits ("caps") on the number of full
2 time equivalent (FTE) medical residents for which the hospital will receive Medicare
3 payment; and

4 WHEREAS, a new teaching hospital has three (3) years from the time it starts training residents
5 to establish a cap for all specialties within its residency program; and

6 WHEREAS, failure to inspect and act upon specialty training programs in new teaching
7 hospitals limits their ability to establish financially viable programs, address physician
8 workforce shortages, and recruit and train osteopathic graduates; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that all osteopathic specialty colleges shall timely inspect and act upon new
10 residency programs within one (1) academic year of the time the program begins
11 training residents; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, that where a specialty college requires a pre-approval inspection, such inspection
13 shall occur within six (6) months of application; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, that priority shall be given to inspecting programs in new teaching hospitals that
15 are in their cap-building periods.

ACTION TAKEN _____

DATE _____