

**Bureau on Federal Health Programs**  
**Agenda**  
**January 26, 2017, 8 AM – 11:30 AM EST**  
**NOAC, 1090 Vermont Ave NW**  
**Washington, DC**

**BFHP Charge:**

The Bureau on Federal Health Programs (BFHP) provides direction on the Federal, legislative and regulatory activities of the AOA Department of Public Policy. The Bureau studies and evaluates Federal health and education issues of interest to osteopathic physicians and those they serve.

<b>January 26</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic / Person Responsible</b>	<b>Type</b>
7:30 AM	Breakfast available	
8:00 AM	Chairman's Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>George Thomas, DO</i></li> </ul>	Information
8:05 AM	Establishment of Quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Laura Wooster, MPH, Interim SVP, Public Policy</i></li> </ul>	Information
8:10 AM	Opening Statements/Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFHP Members</li> </ul>	Information
<b>SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – A GME Solutions for Rural Health Care</b>		
8:30 AM	Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lori Mihalich-Levin, Partner, Dentons</i></li> <li>• <i>Congressional staffer (invited)</i></li> </ul>	Information
9:15 AM	AOA Position Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated discussion with BFHP Committee members</li> </ul>	Action
<b>SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – B “Right to Try” Laws</b>		
9:45 AM	Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Congressional staffer (invited)</i></li> </ul>	Information
10:15 AM	Video Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jim Neely, DO - State Rep, Missouri's 8th District</i></li> </ul>	Information
10:20 AM	AOA Position Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated discussion with BFHP Committee members</li> </ul>	Action
<b>SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – C Medicare Privatization</b>		
10:45 AM	Overview and implications for physicians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dentons</i></li> </ul>	Information
11:15 AM	Q & A	Information
11:30 AM	Adjourn	

**BFHP Members:**

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