

RESOLUTION 18 – 06A

Title: Pay for Performance: Patient Responsibility
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House Action:

Whereas, pay for performance (P4P) is meant to guarantee proper practices, and

Whereas, physician reimbursement is withheld to allow a “reward” for proper practice, and

Whereas, the patient as an independent adult will and has the right to decide on his or her medical or surgical treatment, and

Whereas, the physician cannot force a patient to follow advice, and

Whereas, the physician’s duty is to recommend proper treatment; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That if a physician documents the recommendation for treatment required for pay for performance, then the insurance carrier be mandated to reimburse the pay for performance amount even if the patient fails to have the recommended treatment performed.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE