

RESOLUTION 24 – 06A

Title: Blended Payments
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House Action:

Whereas, payment is determined by the codes used for rendering a level of care, and

Whereas, there are many guidelines that have been published specifying exactly what is necessary to choose a level of care for coding purposes, and

Whereas, the complexity and difficulty rendering care increases as the level rises from a level I to level IV, and

Whereas, some insurance companies are now “blending levels of care” and thus incorrectly lowering payment to physicians; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with Congress to make it illegal for insurance companies to unilaterally change payments by “blending” levels.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE