

RESOLUTION 47 – 06A

Title: Changes in Drug Formularies

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House Action:

Whereas, insurance companies often change the pharmaceutical list in health plan drug formularies, and

Whereas, these changes can be detrimental to patients if certain pharmaceuticals are removed from the list, and

Whereas, changes in the contract related to co-pays or approved medications can adversely affect the ability of patients to receive appropriate medical care; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation that would prohibit insurance companies from changing formularies except by the addition of new medications or the deletion of withdrawn medications, and from changing co-pays for at least one year or the term of the contract, whichever is greater; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek federal legislation that would prohibit insurance companies from changing formularies except by the addition of new medications or the deletion of withdrawn medications, and from changing co-pays for at least one year or the term of the contract, whichever is greater.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE