

Title: Prohibit Economic Credentialing

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House Action:

Whereas, some health care payers are attempting to control costs by the use of "economic credentialing," and

Whereas, MSMS accepts the value of economic indicators when they are used to direct auditing based on good indicators of quality of care and when physicians can appeal a negative judgment by consulting quality data and/or by the clinical review(s) of their specific patient care by expert clinicians from their specialty, and

Whereas, expenses of reviews should be borne by the health care payer initiating the review, and

Whereas, economic credentialing creates a conflict of interest by forcing physicians into an ethical dilemma, with the physician having to choose between his/her well being and that of his/her patient, and

Whereas, the MSMS House of Delegates has not adopted a policy on economic credentialing and to date no legislation has been introduced by MSMS on economic credentialing; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS oppose economic credentialing wherein physicians are denied participation in a plan or provider organization due solely to the total and/or per capita cost of care provided to their patients and when no attempt is made to determine the quality of the care or adherence to sound guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation prohibiting the exclusion of physicians from participation in a health insurance plan or provider organization through economic credentialing, determined solely by the total and/or per capita cost of care provided to patients without an assessment of the quality of that care.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

