

RESOLUTION 4-07A

Title: Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Assistance

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Whereas, the use of electronic medical records (EMR) is becoming increasingly important and has improved efficiency in physician offices, and

Whereas, current reporting requirements and quality improvement initiatives put non-EMR physician practices at a great disadvantage in providing required patient care information in formats mandated by payers and agencies, and

Whereas, current financial barriers prevent the implementation of an EMR in every physician's practice, and

Whereas, physicians' ability or inability to have health information technology should not impact their reimbursement or future regarding pay-for-performance plans, and

Whereas, payers, to this point, have not provided additional physician revenue to offset implementation costs of EMRs or comparable electronic information technology; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS introduce appropriate state legislation that will grant physicians a full refundable tax credit or equivalent financial mechanism to indemnify physician practices for the cost of purchasing and implementing Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek a full refundable federal tax credit or equivalent financial mechanism to indemnify physician practices for the cost of purchasing and implementing Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE