

RESOLUTION 18-07A

Title: Prescription Co-Pay Relief

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House Action: Adopted

Whereas, careful monitoring is often needed when a patient is started on medication and/or the dose of a long-term medication needs changing, and

Whereas, it may not be prudent to prescribe a 90-day supply of a long-term medication until a patient is stabilized on the medication or the new dose of a medication that a patient is using, and

Whereas, it is unfair to make patients pay for additional co-pays when prudent practice dictates that a less than 90-day supply of a long-term medication should be prescribed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to establish policy opposing the charging of patients more than one co-pay for multiple prescriptions of the same or varying doses of a long-term medication within a 90-day period when evidence-based medicine dictates that less than 90-day prescriptions should be written during the initialization and dose stabilization of a newly prescribed long-term medication or during change in dosing of a long-term medication currently being taken; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to make mail-order pharmacies, appropriate insurance carriers, and pharmaceutical management companies aware of its policy opposing the charging of patients more than one co-pay for multiple prescriptions of the same or varying doses of a long-term medication within a 90-day period when evidence-based medicine dictates that less than 90-day prescriptions should be written during the initialization and dose stabilization of a newly prescribed long-term medication or during change in dosing of a long-term medication currently being taken.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE