

RESOLUTION 22-07A

Title: Simplifying Patient Access to Specialist Care

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House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, access to specialty medical care is becoming more limited as physicians are leaving the state or retiring earlier, and

Whereas, many of our patients, including senior citizens, are members (insured lives) in health maintenance organizations and have their medical care directed by a primary care physician, and

Whereas, many health maintenance organizations do not have enough types of specialists on their panels to give appropriate medical care or second opinions; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek policy to ensure inclusion on all health maintenance organization panels to any specialist regardless of PO, IPA or hospital affiliation to allow patients appropriate and expedient access to care.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE