

RESOLUTION 24-07A

Title: Quality of Imaging Services in Physician's Office Practice

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Whereas, physicians desire to offer diagnostic imaging services to their patients within outpatient, office-based practices to improve quality and convenience for the patients, as well as to generate additional practice revenue through ethical, legitimate billing of patients, the government, and/or third-party payers, and

Whereas, diagnostic imaging is a specialized branch of medicine, utilizing potentially dangerous ionizing radiation and/or potentially life-threatening intravenous contrast agents, as well as requiring the use of specialized imaging equipment and the development of specific imaging policies, procedures and protocols, and where there are published appropriateness criteria, professional guidelines, and technical standards that serve to maintain imaging quality and accuracy of diagnosis to protect patients from harm, and

Whereas, there is one standard of care for medical imaging services, whether performed in the hospital or office-based practice, which requires that imaging be performed for appropriate clinical indications with properly trained technicians and staff and utilizing up-to-date imaging equipment to deliver quality services, and

Whereas, the public invests significant trust in physicians to order appropriate diagnostic studies and to perform them in a high-quality manner such that office-based imaging services are standard of care and equivalent in quality to the same imaging services performed in hospital-based imaging practices; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS urge member physicians to comply with standard of care and quality in medical imaging when offering such services within the scope of their office-based practice.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE