

RESOLUTION 48-07A

Title: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) Restrictions for Ambulatory Surgery Centers

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House Action: Adopted

Whereas, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) has a regulation that requires ambulatory surgery centers to perform a large amount of cases before being approved facilities, and

Whereas, this restriction is unique to BCBSM and is not required by any other payer, including Medicare, and

Whereas, this requirement stems from past lobbying efforts of Michigan hospitals to retain market share, and

Whereas, many of these hospitals are now finding value in performing their outpatient procedures at joint venture surgery centers, and

Whereas, these regulations are outdated and onerous, and

Whereas, the cost of a given procedure is lower at a surgery center than an inpatient facility; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate for the elimination of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Evidence of Need criteria for ambulatory surgery centers and promote the more generally accepted guidelines for certification of ambulatory surgery centers set forth by Medicare.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE