

RESOLUTION 65-07A

Title: Safeguard National Provider Identifier and Physician Privacy
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: No Action

Whereas, on and after May 23, 2007, health care providers will be required to use their National Provider Identifier (NPI) on all electronic transactions and provide the NPI number of referring physicians to submit their own claims electronically, and

Whereas, pharmacies and hospitals will require an NPI to submit electronic claims to health plans, and

Whereas, as outlined by federal regulations, physicians must also share their NPI with other providers, health plans, clearinghouses, and any entity that may need it for billing purposes, [CMS website accessed 2/27/07: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/nationalprovidentstand/>], and

Whereas, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) states on all of its NPI documents “When you receive your NPI, safeguard its use” and the CMS website does not outline the steps necessary to “safeguard its use;” therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to develop and mandate adequate safeguards for the protection of physician privacy, such as those used by the banking industry, showing only the last four digits of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on public accessible websites, and in published lists, electronically communicated documents and faxes.

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