

**RESOLUTION 5-08A**

**Title: Medicare Denial of Reimbursement for Certain Unavoidable Complications**

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**House Action: Adopted as Amended**

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**Whereas, Medicare has recently decided not to reimburse certain conditions in hospitalized patients, and**

**Whereas, complications are an inherent part of any medical procedure, and**

**Whereas, conditions such as urinary tract infections after catheters and pressure sores are unavoidable in some situations, and**

**Whereas, such blanket denials can become the prelude for future service denials; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other insurance companies to formulate viable and just criteria to compensate for proper treatment with recognized complications; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS continue to work collaboratively with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and other third party payers on their development of policy on serious adverse events and unavoidable complications.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**