

RESOLUTION 33-08A

Title: Drug Insurance Payments to Change Medications
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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, most insurance companies are attempting to increase the percentage of generic prescription drugs, and

Whereas, Blue Care Network has been criticized for giving doctors a \$100 “kick back” if a brand name drug is changed to generic, and

Whereas, kick backs should be considered unethical, and

Whereas, any time an insurance company requests a physician to change a drug for any reason it takes time and effort for the physician to review the patient’s chart and make a recommendation, and

Whereas, if a prescription change is required, then it should be discussed with the patient, and

Whereas, these services provided have previously been unreimbursed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS study a requirement that the physician work responding to a request for a medication change be a reimbursable event whether a change is made or not.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE