

RESOLUTION 53-08A

Title: Peer Review Process

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Referred to: Reference Committee C

House Action: No Action

Whereas, peer review cases being reviewed by the county peer review committees are becoming increasingly complex and can require the assistance of legal counsel, and

Whereas, the majority of issues being presented in the peer review cases are unable to be resolved by a clear MSMS or AMA policy, and

Whereas, in larger metropolitan areas it is increasingly less common that members of the peer review committees have adequate knowledge of the physician's professional abilities or reputation despite their membership status, and

Whereas, in smaller communities the peer review committees frequently lack the resources to effectively perform their function, and

Whereas, the requirement by MSMS that component societies maintain a peer review infrastructure is essentially an unfunded mandate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS amend its bylaws as needed to provide legal, administrative and/or financial support for peer review committee activities required of its component societies.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$200 - \$300 per hour for legal fees per case, as estimated by MSMS Legal Counsel.