

RESOLUTION 66-08A

Title: Decimated Mental Disorder Treatment
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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, mental disturbances, untreated, cause unnecessary suffering, and

Whereas, untreated, disturbed individuals impact negatively upon families, upon people they work with, upon their employers, and upon society, and

Whereas, the cost of untreated mental disorders is prohibitive for employers, and

Whereas, insurance companies save money by arbitrarily excluding for payment selective diagnoses contained in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Society, and

Whereas, insurance companies, to minimize costs, encourage medication and not counseling; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek policies that allow psychiatrists to determine the length of psychiatric treatment and the modality of treatment and be reimbursed accordingly.

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