

RESOLUTION 77-08A

Title: Encourage Creation of Patient Smart Cards
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House Action: No Action

Whereas, medical practices are moving from a paper environment to an electronic one, and

Whereas, this process is moving slowly, and

Whereas, patients' waits are spent filling out forms, and

Whereas, every effort is being made to reduce wait times, and

Whereas, the use of electronic data is already helping claims to be paid more quickly and can improve quality of medical care, and

Whereas, one of the hurdles to quick payment is including the correct patient data requirements for claims, and

Whereas, this data exists within the payers electronic environment, and

Whereas, by having payers provide patients with smart cards with their medical and insurance data on it could increase efficiency in medical practices and for payers as well as increase quality by providing data, and

Whereas, the creation of patient smart cards would eliminate the need to fill out forms while patients sit in the waiting room, and

Whereas, the provision of patient smart cards would eliminate the need for physicians and receptionists to re-enter data, and

Whereas, software vendors can create software to update patient demographics without errors, and

Whereas, provision of patient smart cards would result in a significant diminution of calls to payers from physicians offices; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage all third party payers in the state of Michigan to provide their covered individuals with smart cards that contain both medical and insurance related data.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE