

**RESOLUTION 91-08A**

**Title:** Third Party Reimbursement for Certified Genetic Counselors

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**House Action:** Adopted as Amended

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**Whereas, Michigan physicians are committed to providing the best care for their patients, and**

**Whereas, the identification of genetic illnesses and genetic components of existing illnesses continues to evolve at an extremely rapid rate, and**

**Whereas, it is essential, in fact a national care-standard, that certified genetic counselors be available to participate in the care of pregnant women and people at risk for other genetic illnesses/conditions, and**

**Whereas, Michigan physicians find certified genetic counselors to be an invaluable resource on the health-care team, and**

**Whereas, certified genetic counselors currently serve many Michigan citizens, subsidized by their individual physician and clinic employers, and**

**Whereas, becoming a certified genetic counselor requires an undergraduate degree, a two-year master's degree, and passage of a certification exam as well as maintenance of certification requiring a significant investment in continuing education, and**

**Whereas, there is currently no licensing of certified genetics counselors in the state of Michigan; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS support and coordinate initiation of legislation first requiring licensing for certified genetic counselors; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS seek policies that require Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and other third party insurance carriers to provide adequate reimbursement for services provided by certified genetic counselors.**

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