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3 **Title: Pathologist Professional Component Billing for Laboratory**  
4 **Testing**  
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
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12 **House Action: Adopted**

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15 **Whereas, board certified clinical pathologists overseeing labs hold the title**  
16 **of medical directors of these labs, thus assuming professional liability for the**  
17 **integrity of all test results produced by such labs, and**  
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19 **Whereas, laboratory medical directors assume responsibility for the**  
20 **education and discussion with medical staff physician users and other**  
21 **professional personnel as to the appropriate uses and interpretation of all**  
22 **laboratory tests, and**  
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24 **Whereas, the laws set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human**  
25 **Services (HHS) provide for professional component billing for 300 specified**  
26 **laboratory tests by board certified clinical pathologists through the Medicare**  
27 **program, and**  
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29 **Whereas, board certified clinical pathologists in 41 of 50 states, including**  
30 **AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, MT,**  
31 **NB, NC, ND, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV,**  
32 **and WY, already routinely bill and are compensated for these services, and**  
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34 **Whereas board certified clinical pathologists in the states of CA, FL, and IL**  
35 **bill and are compensated by their Medicaid programs for these services, and**  
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37 **Whereas, board certified clinical pathologists in the state of FL and IL**  
38 **recently won lawsuits against insurers, awarding them the right to bill for these**  
39 **services, and there are currently lawsuits ongoing against many national payers**  
40 **that have denied these services/payments; therefore be it**  
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42 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support the efforts of the Michigan Society of**  
43 **Pathologists to seek professional component compensation from Blue Cross Blue**  
44 **Shield of Michigan and other Michigan insurers for 300 specified clinical**  
45 **laboratory tests as set forth in law by the U. S. Department of Health and Human**  
46 **Services.**  
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49 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**