

RESOLUTION 46-10A

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3 **Title: Post-Payment Audits**
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5 **Introduced by: Fred E. Patterson, MD, for the Washtenaw County Delegation**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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11 **House Action: Adopted**
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14 **Whereas, Health Alliance Plan (HAP) has initiated a program of Post-**
15 **Payment Audits throughout southern Michigan with a time frame that extends well**
16 **beyond a year following the service and claim payment, and**
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18 **Whereas, other plans may well adopt a program of Post Payment Audits for**
19 **services provided and paid well beyond the usual time allowed for claims**
20 **submission, and**
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22 **Whereas, these audits can be conducted in such a way as to be damaging**
23 **to the practices and to the stability of the physician supply in Michigan, and**
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25 **Whereas, the AMA has identified concerns regarding such audits and has**
26 **addressed these concerns in the following policy statements: AMA Policy H-**
27 **70.926 (Reasonable Time limitations of Post-Payment Audits and Recoupments by**
28 **Third Party Payers) (Res.815, A-01; Reaffirmation I-04; Reaffirmation A-08);**
29 **therefore be it**
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31 **RESOLVED: That MSMS vigorously advocate for its membership by**
32 **informing the Michigan health plans of the American Medical Association policy**
33 **H-70.926 and insisting that the health plans respect and abide by the spirit and the**
34 **specifics of AMA Policy H-70.926, which states that post-payment audits, post-**
35 **payment downcodes, and other similar requests for recoupment by third party**
36 **payers be made within one year of the date the claim is submitted or within the**
37 **same amount of time permitted for submission of the claim, whichever is less.**
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40 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**