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3 **Title: Accountability of Repricing Networks**
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6 **Delegation**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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12 **House Action:**

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15 **Whereas, duly licensed insurance carriers utilize repricing networks for**
16 **their own financial gains, and**

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18 **Whereas, repricing networks like Cofinity are acting like an insurance**
19 **company, which is the perception of the public, and are mandating an all**
20 **products clause in their contract, and**

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22 **Whereas, there is no oversight regulation as repricing networks are not**
23 **insurance companies, and**

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25 **Whereas, Cofinity, a subsidiary of Aetna Insurance Company, is the**
26 **largest repricing network in Michigan, and**

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28 **Whereas, Cofinity reprices medical claims for both the workers**
29 **compensation claims and many motor vehicle insurance carriers at rates that**
30 **are in some cases less than the state mandated rates, and**

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32 **Whereas, Aetna promised the physicians of the Michigan State Medical**
33 **Society at regular meetings of the Board of Directors as far back as 2005 that**
34 **there would be no changes in the business practices of Aetna through the**
35 **Cofinity network and this has been shown to not be the case, and**

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37 **Whereas, the business practices of Cofinity undermines the physician-**
38 **patient relationship and ultimately the denial of care, and**

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40 **Whereas, physicians who do not participate in these repricing networks**
41 **are able to continue to treat patients as out-of-network providers; therefore be it**
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43 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan State Medical Society seek legislation as**
44 **a priority that regulates repricing networks to conform with common billing**
45 **practices and guidelines with a fair and equitable reimbursement policy or seek**
46 **legislation banning repricing networks in the State of Michigan; and be it further**
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48 **RESOLVED: That MSMS access already created resources at the**
49 **American Medical Association to help facilitate legislation or regulation related**
50 **to repricing networks; and be it further**

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52 **RESOLVED: That MSMS reaffirm to its membership that physicians have**
53 **the right to withdraw participation from any insurance company that mandates**
54 **participation in repricing networks or all products clauses.**

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