

**Title: Insurance Companies Increasing the Limits of Liability for Credentialing**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee A**

**House Action:**

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**Whereas, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Blue Care Network are major providers of health insurance in the state of Michigan, and**

**Whereas, recently the Blues mandated an increases in the limits of liability for physician practices and urgent care centers at the time of the Blues re-credentialing of physicians, and**

**Whereas the insurance company is forcing physicians to increase their limits of liability to two to three times their current limits, and**

**Whereas, the cost for this increased liability coverage is being passed on to the physicians; and which now will cost 25 percent more, while the Blues do not increase the payment structure to compensate for this mandate, and**

**Whereas, the insurance company is shifting the liability from themselves to the physician and physician practice, thereby increasing the physicians' financial burden; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS take immediate action through the Insurance Commissioner, or, if necessary, through proposed legislation to stop the Payers' practice of mandating increased limits of professional liability insurance coverage at the time of re-credentialing; thereby, placing an unnecessary financial burden on physicians and physician practices.**

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