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3 **Title: Medicare Advantage Contractor Home-Visiting Programs**
4 **and BCBSM Medicare Inspiris® Program**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**

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12 **House Action:**
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15 **Whereas, Medicare Advantage Contractors are responsible for the**
16 **medical care costs of their enrolled beneficiaries, increasingly seeking ways to**
17 **make these programs more profitable, and trying to avert potential**
18 **reimbursement losses under federal payment policies such as avoidable**
19 **readmissions, and**

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21 **Whereas, MA Contractors are exploring the implementation of a variety of**
22 **care and disease management programs to support the needs of those enrolled**
23 **beneficiaries who are chronically ill and require significant resources for their**
24 **care, and**

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26 **Whereas, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) has implemented**
27 **the Home-Visiting Provider Program (HVPP) to target high-risk MA members,**
28 **especially those at greater risk for readmissions. BCBSM MA has contracted**
29 **with a national for-profit business entity called Inspiris® to provide home visits,**
30 **obtain billing codes, review medication, refer to hospice if needed, and**
31 **essentially take over the beneficiary's case from his or her personal physician,**
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34 **Whereas, home-visiting programs such as the program run by Inspiris®,**
35 **that are not originated through the beneficiary's physician responsible for**
36 **coordinating his or her care, are contrary to the patient-centered medical home**
37 **(PCMH) care model, create confusion among beneficiaries, and usurp**
38 **established physician-patient relationships, and**

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40 **Whereas, BCBSM Medicare Advantage has continued to operate this**
41 **program despite the objections of MSMS, the Michigan Academy of Family**
42 **Physicians, and other physician organizations, and**

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44 **Whereas, other Medicare Advantage Contractors are considering the**
45 **implementation of similar home-visiting programs; therefore be it**

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47 **RESOLVED: That MSMS and other concerned organizations work with**
48 **BCBSM and other Medicare Advantage Contractors to put an immediate end to**
49 **Medicare Advantage Contractor Home-Visiting Programs; and be it further**

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RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage BCBSM and other Medicare Advantage Contractors to establish administrative and payment policies to support physicians efforts to provide continuous, uninterrupted care to their patients without any interference by insurance companies and their contracted agents; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with BCBSM and other Medicare Advantage Contractors to recognize that PCMH is the most appropriate arrangement to provide longitudinal, continuous, cost-effective care to high-risk patients; and to compensate PCMH-designated practices sufficiently for their efforts.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE