

Title: Requiring Patients with HSAs to obtain Prescriptions for Over-the-counter Medications and Basic Medical Supplies

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House Action:

Whereas, many patients utilize Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) for health care services, and

Whereas, it is important that patients' autonomy be respected, and

Whereas, patients should have control of the direction of their basic health care purchases, and

Whereas, physicians are now required to write prescriptions for not only medications for patients to receive approval through their HSAs, and

Whereas, physicians are now required to provide prescriptions for all medical supplies for patients that are over-the-counter, and

Whereas, the new rules, as set forth in the new Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2010, require that patients with HSAs obtain prescriptions in order to qualify, and

Whereas, physicians have very limited time to see patients and provide them recommendations and prescriptions for over-the-counter medications and basic medical supplies, and

Whereas, the time of physicians, patients, and pharmacies is a limited resource; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA asks the AMA to work to rescind the new regulations that require patients with HSAs to obtain prescriptions for over-the-counter medications and basic medical supplies.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE