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3 **Title: Untimely Insurance Audit Payment Recovery**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, payment for medical services should be rendered at the time of**
15 **service or shortly thereafter by all third party payers, and**

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17 **Whereas, repeat billings for services are expensive and problematic for**
18 **effective medical management, and**

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20 **Whereas, third party payers have strict rules defining claim submission**
21 **timeframes for medical provider claims, and**

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23 **Whereas, insurance companies and other third party payers frequently**
24 **ask medical providers to return payment for previously approved and**
25 **reimbursed services, and**

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27 **Whereas, this request for return payment is frequently greater than 6**
28 **months after the date of service, and**

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30 **Whereas, request to return payment greater than 6 months may not**
31 **permit claim submission to other insurance carriers, difficulty collecting from**
32 **patients, expense to practice for additional accounting, decrease of practice**
33 **revenue; therefore be it**

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35 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask for legislation that would disallow third**
36 **party payer payment recovery beyond six (6) months from date of service.**

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39 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**