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Title: Coverage of Approved Medications
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, a patient may respond very favorably to one particular medication but not other medications within a drug class, and

Whereas, when patients change insurance carriers or plans they are often required to try other medications within the same class before prescription coverage is effective, despite prior ineffectiveness of certain medications or successful treatment on the current medications, and

Whereas, disruption of effective treatment by mandating use of other medications that have not been effective creates significant challenges to these patients, particularly those with documented disabilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate that Medicaid Health Plans in Michigan cover all approved medications on the Michigan Medicaid’s Preferred Drug List that are prescribed by physicians, without prior authorization or step-therapy that has been documented on the patient.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE