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3 **Title:** Counter Efforts by Insurance Companies to Drop Physicians  
4 from Plans

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10 **Referred to:** Reference Committee A

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12 **House Action:** Approved  
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15 **Whereas, in the evolving health care markets, insurance companies**  
16 **trying to maximize profit are using quality parameters originally intended to**  
17 **improve the quality of care delivered to improve their bottom line, and**  
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19 **Whereas, recently about 27% of primary care physicians in Connecticut**  
20 **were dropped from Medicare Advantage plans by United Health Care<sup>1</sup>, and**  
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22 **Whereas, insurance companies are aggressively pursuing narrow**  
23 **networks to direct patient traffic to the “least costly” providers; therefore be it**  
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25 **RESOLVED: That MSMS educate and inform Michigan physicians**  
26 **regarding the history and trends of insurance companies seeking to maximize**  
27 **their bottom line by dropping physicians based on questionable or undisclosed**  
28 **criteria, as well as possible remedial measures physicians can pursue should**  
29 **such an event occur; and be it further**  
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31 **RESOLVED: That the AMA educate and inform physicians regarding the**  
32 **trends, consequences, and remedial actions to be taken in the event of an**  
33 **insurance carrier dropping a physician or a group of physicians based on**  
34 **questionable or unknown parameters.**  
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37 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$1,000 for the cost of a**  
38 **freelance writer for information to be included in *Michigan Medicine* and the**  
39 **MSMS website.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Wall Street Journal. UnitedHealth culls doctors from Medicare Advantage plans. Accessed at <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303559504579200190614501838> on February 17, 2014.