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3 **Title: Multiple Mail-Order Prescription Co-Pays**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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11 **House Action: Approved as Amended**
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14 **Whereas, patients feel penalized by additional co-pays by mail-order**
15 **pharmacies if their doctor prescribes for only 30 days at a time and requires**
16 **monitoring visits for stimulants, hypnotics or psychotropic medication or the**
17 **start-up of any medication, and**
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19 **Whereas, doctors feel it is their duty to help patients keep their medical**
20 **bills as reasonable as possible, and**
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22 **Whereas, in the long run, closer monitoring results in better patient care**
23 **and lower costs; therefore be it**
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25 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the appropriate regulatory agencies**
26 **to achieve greater flexibility for patients by allowing pharmacies (mail-order or**
27 **retail) to only charge the patient one co-pay in those instances where the**
28 **patient’s physician has to adjust the strength of the previously prescribed**
29 **medication prior to the scheduled refill date for that identical medication; and**
30 **be it further**
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32 **RESOLVED: That the AMA reaffirm AMA policy (H-120.962) that opposes**
33 **charging patients more than one co-pay for multiple prescriptions of the same**
34 **or varying doses of medication.**
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36 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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