

RESOLUTION 74-15

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3 Title: CXR for Patients at Home on Hospice
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11 House Action: **APPROVED**
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14 Whereas, in some instances, patients receiving at-home hospice care may
15 need to be transferred to a nursing home, and

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17 Whereas, a chest x-ray (CXR) is required of patients who are being admitted to
18 a nursing home, and

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20 Whereas, ongoing surveillance for tuberculosis remains a public health
21 necessity, and

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23 Whereas, there are additional ways to screen for tuberculosis, and

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25 Whereas, obtaining a CXR on an at-home hospice patient is often disruptive,
26 leads to increased levels of discomfort, and sometimes delays placement, and

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28 Whereas, one of the goals of hospice is to decrease suffering at the end of life;
29 therefore be it

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31 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS seek appropriate legislative or regulatory changes
32 so that patients receiving at-home hospice care who need to be placed in a nursing
33 home are not required to have a chest x-ray; and be it further

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35 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS seek appropriate legislative or regulatory changes to
36 allow a blood test to screen for tuberculosis to be accepted as a suitable alternative to
37 a chest x-ray for patients receiving at-home hospice care who need to be placed in a
38 nursing home.
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41 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None