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Title: Prescription Availability for Weekend Discharges

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Referred to: Reference Committee A

House Action: **REFER**

Whereas, many hospital or nursing home patients may be stabilized on new medications prescribed during their admission, and

Whereas, certain medications may or may not be covered under the insurance company formulary, and

Whereas, many patients may be discharged on a weekend or holiday, and

Whereas, most insurance companies do not have staff available on weekends and holidays to confirm or deny coverage of a particular medication, and

Whereas, there is no way for a prescribing physician or facility to know if a medication is covered or not without access to the insurance company staff, and

Whereas, patients discharged on vital new medications may be denied access to these medications and suffer harm because of it; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS request that the appropriate state agency or agencies issue guidance to pharmacies allowing pharmacies to provide patients discharged by a health care facility on a weekend and holiday with a supply of prescribed medications in an amount that will cover their needs until the following second business day; thereby, providing the time necessary to allow the prescribing physician or other physician in charge of the patient’s care to resolve any coverage disputes with the patient’s health insurance company; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to address on a national level the increasing problem of patients, discharged by a health care facility on a weekend and holiday, being denied access to vital medications when a dispute about coverage cannot be resolved because the patient’s health insurance company does not have staff available on weekends or holidays to address formulary issues.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE