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Title: Single Tax Identification Number

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House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, submitting claims under a single tax identification number (TIN) for the federal government was not a conflicting issue when the primary care physician rounded in several settings, including the hospital, and

Whereas, ongoing use of this system of billing is biased against internal medicine and other non-procedural specialties, such as pain and palliative care, both in the inpatient and the outpatient setting, and

Whereas, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is encouraging patient-centered and value-based care, and

Whereas, studies have shown that the use of advance directives has decreased health care costs, especially in the last few months of life, and

Whereas, discussions about goals of care have decreased health care costs, and

Whereas, the fragmentation of health care has resulted in many services being provided by several different sub-specialists, many of whom have initial training in internal medicine, and

Whereas, billing for multiple services for a single patient for services provided on the same day is not allowed if the providers have a similar initial training background, even though each provider has treated the patient with clearly distinct and beneficial health care services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure that all valid claims for distinct services submitted under the same tax identification number (TIN) or by providers within the same specialty on the same day be reimbursed fairly without regard to the TIN.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE