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Title: Physician Decision Making

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House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, the physician–patient relationship has been and remains a keystone of care: the medium in which data is gathered, diagnoses and plans are made, compliance is accomplished, and healing, patient activation, and support are provided, and

Whereas, the role of the third-party payer in the health care market raises concerns about the effects that different financial and organizational features might have on the physician-patient relationship, and

Whereas, the decision as to medical necessity for a particular patient is a medical judgment that must consider all patient factors and preferences, procedure requirements, potential risks and benefits, and competencies of the involved practitioners; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate, by any means necessary, with the American Medical Association (AMA) and third-party payers that, in order to ensure quality of care given to patients, physicians regardless of employment status must maintain overall responsibility and leadership in decisions affecting the health care received by patients and that the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask our AMA to establish this as new AMA policy.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE