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House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, insurance companies have a designated pharmacy department to oversee formulary medications and durable medical equipment (DME), and

Whereas, medical insurance companies have different drug formularies, and

Whereas, the number of insurance companies have expanded and each having sublet to gross differences in their formularies, and

Whereas, some states have implemented a common drug formulary but still allow for some variation, and

Whereas, a common drug formulary may not always apply to private insurance companies, and

Whereas, each insurance company houses its drug formulary in a computer database which notifies physicians when they are prescribing medications that are not on the formulary, and

Whereas, some insurance companies notify physicians of non-formulary drugs and provide a list of alternatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS adopt policy that supports requiring health insurance companies, in regard to their respective drug formularies, to comply with the following:

1. Manage the drug formulary through their computer database accessible by the physicians at a fixed URL;
2. Utilize their computer database to notify physicians of changes on the formulary and of covered alternatives via email or fax per the physician’s designation; and,
3. Include with any notification of non-formulary medication those alternatives that are covered.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Medication Substitution and Drug Formularies

MSMS opposes the dispensing of a therapeutic alternate for a prescribed drug or rejection of the prescribed drug without the consent of the prescribing physician. (Res34-15)