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Title: Uncompensated and Burdensome Medical Record Reviews
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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, Medicare and other public and commercial health insurance carriers are involved in risk management stratification, utilization and quality reviews, and

Whereas, these entities, by contract, have the right to review patient medical records, and

Whereas, in most cases these health insurance carriers will contract with a vendor to send staff to the medical practice to conduct on-site chart reviews, and

Whereas, some vendors are now refusing to send staff to the medical practice and instead require the medical practice to copy and fax the records or supply the vendor with electronically submitted records, and

Whereas, most medical practices, especially small ones, have neither the staff time nor resources to provide this service, and

Whereas, valuable staff time and resources are diverted from direct patient care to fulfill these requests and requirements; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with health insurance carriers to amend their policies regarding office chart reviews to 1) require vendors, whenever possible, to perform chart reviews on-site at the medical practice where the charts are located and 2) fairly compensate medical practices for their staff time and resources when chart reviews must be conducted off-site, using a copy fee schedule similar to those used when providing records for legal purposes.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE