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Title: Credentialing Delays and Third Party Payers
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred to: Reaffirmation Calendar
House Action: **REAFFIRM**

Whereas, the process of credentialing and re-credentialing physicians and advanced practice professionals (APPs) such as physician’s assistants and nurse practitioners has become increasingly more regulated, costly, and time intensive, and

Whereas, this process is often redundant (from hospital to hospital and from skilled nursing facility to skilled nursing facility) and often includes repetitive fingerprinting of physicians and APPs at the expense of each facility, and

Whereas, each third-party payer has requested certain credentialing and re-credentialing requirements that are unique to their insurance plan, thus necessitating redundant work and/or a delay in the credentialing process for physicians and APPs since the third-party payer dictates what they require and when they will review the credentialing materials, and

Whereas, the cost of any patient care services provided by physicians and APPs prior to full credentialing status is denied by third-party payers which results in delayed practice initiation for physicians and APPs or free care for the patients on third-party payer panels; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Insurance Commissioner to standardize the credentialing and re-credentialing process used by health care organizations and third-party payers throughout the state of Michigan to expedite this process.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Common Physician Credentialing Form

MSMS supports the concept of a common credentialing form. (See Addendum L in website version) (Board-July97 & Res6-97A)

Identical Rules for Physician Credentialing and Privileges

MSMS supports a requirement that all managed health care companies and health insurance companies have identical rules for physician credentialing and privileges by insurance type. (Res95-96A)

Recredentialing Form

MSMS endorses the Michigan Association of Health Plans Standardized Practitioner Application to be used as a recredentialing form. (Board-Sept98)