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Title: Medicare and Services Provided by Proctored Medical Students

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Referred to: Reference Committee A

House Action: **APPROVE**

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Whereas, current trends in medical education in the US often lead to medical students providing medical services under the practiced eyes of proctoring medical professionals (both teaching physicians and other health care providers such as medical assistants and respiratory therapists), and

Whereas, services provided by intern or resident physicians are billable under Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule if a teaching physician is physically present during the critical or key portions of the service (based on Graduate Medical Education guidelines), and

Whereas, services provided by medical students (such as obtaining a Pap smear or setting up a nebulizer treatment) are not currently billable under CMS even if proctoring medical professionals are directly assisting or overseeing the service as part of medical education, and

Whereas, the inability to bill for these services may result in unnecessary duplication of services for patients, including the potential risk of repetitive minor procedures, and/or restrictions in medical student education access since the educational facility may not be able to sustain the educational process without the procedural revenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to require coverage of medical services performed by medical students while being directly proctored by duly licensed and qualified health care personnel as an indication of CMS's support for medical education.

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None