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Title: Streamline Pre-authorization Process for Extended Care Facility Admissions and Transfers

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House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, insurance carriers require pre-authorization for Extended Care facility (ECF) admission and transfer from hospitals, and

Whereas, several of the pre-authorization’s validity lasts only 24 hours, and

Whereas, this practice results in waste at several levels, including unnecessary prolonged stay at the hospital and causing inconvenience to patients and families regarding anticipation, preparation and execution of ECF transfer, and

Whereas, the pre-authorization process sometimes lasts few days; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the insurance carriers in the state of Michigan to streamline the pre-authorization process for admission and transfer to extended care facilities and to eliminate policies whereby the pre-authorization’s validity lasts only 24-hours.

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