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Title: Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare Attestation
Introduced by: Lee Begrow, DO, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: **APPROVED**

Whereas, the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) is a single data repository which maintains information about physicians for credentialing, and

Whereas, physicians are being asked to resubmit their data every 120 days to maintain credentialing on this site even if none of the relevant information has changed, and

Whereas, resubmission requires actual data submission, not just confirmation of existing data, and

Whereas, even confirmation of existing data should not require verification every ninety to 120 days, and

Whereas, confirmation of data every 120 days is not an industry standard for any similar credentialing process, such as for third party payers or for hospital medical staff requirements, and

Whereas, the need to continue this process places an unnecessary burden on physicians without any clear indication for this ongoing request; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) work with Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) and any other relevant organization(s) to reduce the frequency of required CAQH reporting to twelve months or longer unless the physician has a change in relevant information to be updated.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$25,000.00 or more as the resolution directs the Michigan Delegation to the AMA to engage in regulatory advocacy.

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Common Physician Credentialing Form

MSMS supports the concept of a common credentialing form. (Board-July97 & Res6-97A)
- Reaffirmed (Res39-17)
- Edited 2017

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)
-Reaffirmed (Res39-17)

Relevant AMA Policy:Licensure and Credentialing Issues D-275.995

Our AMA will: (1) support recognition of the Federation of State Medical Boards' (FSMB) Credentials Verification Service by all licensing jurisdictions; and (2) encourage the National Commission on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and all other organizations to accept the Federation of State Medical Boards' Credentials Verification Service, the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates' Certification Verification Service, and the AMA Masterfile as primary source verification of credentials.

Verifying Physicians' Credentials H-275.977

The AMA endorses the use of pluralistic approaches to the verification and validation of physicians' credentials. The AMA will seek legislation that managed care companies be required to request credentialing information in a uniform standardized format which all groups involved in credentialing would accept.