Title: ICD-10-CM Code for 'Statin Refusal'

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House Action:

Whereas, we are moving from a fee-for-service payment model to a value-based payment model, and

Whereas, measuring and reporting quality metrics by providers has continued to increase, and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Stars program requires insurers to also meet and report on quality metrics, and

Whereas, because of HEDIS measures and the CMS Medicare Stars program, there is a very strong push by insurers to get all patients that might benefit from a statin onto one, and even measuring the number of refills per unit of time to show patient compliance, and

Whereas, the number of allowed exclusions to the statin measure in specific have decreased, which can reduce a provider's ability to hit quality targets and impact the providers quality payments, and

Whereas, despite our recommendations and education about the benefits of statins, some patients still refuse to accept a statin, and

Whereas, patient choice in the partnership between physician and patient should be honored whenever possible, and

Whereas, physicians simply cannot force patients to take a medication they do not want to take, and

Whereas, there is an ICD-10-CM code for coumadin refusal and one for medication refusal, but not a code for statin refusal, and

Whereas, a specific code for statin refusal could be useful for those patients who do not have other exclusion criteria for a statin; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA for the creation of a new specific 'statin refusal' code and advocate it be a valid exclusion criterion for patients.

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51   WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: Resolutions only requesting new or revised MSMS
52   or AMA policy - $500

Relevant MSMS Policy:
None

Relevant AMA Policy:
None