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Title: Limit Copay on Emergency Department Visits  
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Referred To: Reference Committee A  
House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

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Whereas, some insurance products require a patient to pay an extra or larger co-pay or deductible if an emergency department evaluation does not lead to a hospital admission, and

Whereas, these patients may have waited to confer with their private physician until office hours are open, but are instructed by that physician to go to the emergency department for evaluation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate that insurance companies waive the imposition of higher co-pays or deductibles when a patient is directed by their primary care physician to seek treatment for an acute problem in the emergency department, even if the patient is not admitted to the hospital.

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$12,000-\$24,000 to engage in regulatory and industry advocacy.

**Relevant MSMS Policy:** None

**Relevant AMA Policy:** None