

RESOLUTION GENESEE 9

Title: Accredited Sleep Centers

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House Action:

Whereas, sleep centers accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) provide care that complies with Academy standards, and

Whereas, the Academy requires significant policy and procedures that relate to patient safety required by the Academy, and

Whereas, guidelines followed by accredited sleep centers comply with proven evidence-based methods approved by the Academy, and

Whereas, the incidence of sleep apnea is increasing, and

Whereas, sleep apnea is a proven and identified risk for a myriad of morbidities and mortalities, and

Whereas, there are many more non-accredited sleep labs than there are accredited sleep labs, and

Whereas, the public does not know the difference between them and place themselves at risk by utilizing a non-accredited sleep lab, and

Whereas, those physicians who pursue and achieve accreditation for their sleep labs are placing themselves at risk in a competitive market in order in ensure quality for their patients, and

Whereas, the AASM identifies sleep medicine providers who offer the highest quality of medical care relating to sleep problems, and

Whereas, accredited sleep labs are less likely to cause repeat and unnecessary testing, and

Whereas, we are living in an environment where it is critical to reduce costs and conserve resources, and

Whereas, the AASM encourages Medicare and private health insurance providers to link reimbursement for sleep services to AASM accreditation, realizing that accreditation leads to improvements in patient care, many insurance companies now cover sleep service only if they are performed by AASM accredited facilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek to have all insurance companies in the state of Michigan link reimbursement for sleep services to American Academy of Sleep Medicine accreditation.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE