

RESOLUTION 4 - 2010

Subject: Standardizing State Medicaid and Health Insurance Plans'
Reimbursement Forms and Process

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Referred to: Health Insurance Coverage and Access

1 Whereas, What health care services are covered by patients when they receive care is confusing
2 to the patients themselves; and

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4 Whereas, What the patients' health insurance carrier reimbursement rate is, is confusing and
5 cumbersome for both the patient and health care provider; and

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7 Whereas, What the patient will be expected to pay and owe is confusing; and

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9 Whereas, How physicians are reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin is confusing and leads to
10 administrative waste; and

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12 Whereas, There are now 1,000,000 Wisconsin Citizens who have health insurance through a
13 Medicaid program; and

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15 Whereas, Medicaid dollars are limited and it's important that we save money where we can; and

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17 Whereas, Streamlining processes will cut waste and work to eliminate confusion as to who owes
18 what and what's covered when patients receive care; therefore be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the Wisconsin Medical Society will work to encourage the Department of
21 Health Services to implement a swipe card system for Medical Assistance Program patients and
22 encourage Health Insurance Plans to make available a swipe card system, which has all the
23 patient's health insurance eligibility, reimbursement rate and expected patient co-insurance
24 payment information included.

Fiscal note: Within current budget.

Relevant Policies

Society: **INS-009**

Timely Payment of Health Service Claims: The Wisconsin Medical Society supports legislation to address problems in obtaining payment from third party payers for health services rendered. (HOD, 0405)

AMA: None