

RESOLUTION 2019 E

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
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RECOMMENDATION: Approved upon addition of appendix of references
SUBJECT: EHR Interoperability and Its Impact on Prior Authorizations

- 1 **Whereas**, the vast majority of healthcare professionals believes that EHR interoperability and
2 fluid health information exchange is critical for delivering high quality patient care-and
3 improving the experience of frustrated and weary clinical staff; and
- 4 **Whereas**, prior authorization for health care services has been the subject of intense debate and
5 industry attention over the years, with stake-holders across the industry calling for action to
6 simplify the process; and
- 7 **Whereas**, greater adoption of interoperability features would likely occur if they were more
8 readily available in current health IT systems; and
- 9 **Whereas**, adoption of electronic prior authorization transactions continues to significantly lag
10 behind other transactions such as billing and e-Prescribing in the administrative workflow; and
- 11 **Whereas**, manual prior authorization transactions require substantially more provider staff time
12 over electronic prior authorization transactions; and
- 13 **Whereas**, the healthcare industry could significantly decrease costs by transitioning to electronic
14 prior authorization transactions; therefore, be it
- 15 **Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association advocate for state legislation and/or
16 regulation to encourage the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information
17 Technology to establish regulations that require universal and standard interoperability protocols
18 for the sharing of electronic health record (EHR) including the adoption of a standard for prior
19 authorization attachments; and be it further
- 20 **Resolved**, that the MOA forward this resolution onto the American Osteopathic Association
21 (AOA) for national adoption.
- 22 References
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- 25 Sources for Security Standards/Security Patterns, and Educational/Informational Resources -
26 www.healthit.gov/isa.

- 27 <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/cms-advances-interoperability-patient-access-health->
28 [data-through-new-proposals](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/cms-advances-interoperability-patient-access-health-)
- 29 CMS's interoperability efforts -
30 https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USCMS_12443
- 31 Proposed rule (CMS-9115-P) issued on February 11, 2019 -
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