

RESOLUTION 2019 J

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
SUBMITTED BY: Algirdas A. Juocys, OCOMA Delegate
RECOMMENDATION: Approved as Amended
SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Integration and Primary Care

- 1 **Whereas**, the majority of individuals with mental health conditions are treated within primary
2 healthcare services, often with limited access to or support from mental health and addiction
3 service; and
- 4 **Whereas**, the inclusion of psychological and behavioral health services in primary care settings
5 is associated with a range of improved patient and health system outcomes; and
- 6 **Whereas**, integrated behavioral health services reduce health care costs and disability; and
- 7 **Whereas**, behavioral health specialists located in pediatric, adult, and geriatric primary and
8 specialty health settings have documented competencies necessary to provide evidence-based
9 clinical and professional services, interprofessional education and research, and leadership; and
- 10 **Whereas**, guidelines for interprofessional health provider education have been disseminated for
11 several years by both federal agencies and health professions groups; and
- 12 **Whereas**, specific CPT codes are available for integrated behavioral health activities; and
- 13 **Whereas**, specific Collaborative Care Agreements are utilized in the integrated behavioral health
14 setting; therefore, be it
- 15 **Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) promote the inclusion of
16 appropriately credentialed behavioral healthcare providers in integrated primary and specialty
17 health care to improve patient, family, and population health through collaborations with state
18 and federal agencies, and consumer groups; and be it further
- 19 **Resolved**, that the MOA advocate for physicians, when serving as the sole medical mental health
20 provider, to be able to bill for mental health codes independent of other diagnostic codes; and be
21 it further
- 22 **Resolved**, that the MOA advocate third party payers reimburse medical care and psychological
23 services on the same day of service and removing the mandate for two co-payments when
24 integrated services are provided in a primary care setting in order to improve access to mental
25 health treatment and improve outcomes.