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SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

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RECOMMENDATION: Approved as Amended

SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Integration and Primary Care

Whereas, the majority of individuals with mental health conditions are treated within primary healthcare services, often with limited access to or support from mental health and addiction service; and

~~**Whereas**, obstacles need to be overcome in order to provide better quality mental health services in primary care; and~~

Whereas, ~~research has demonstrated~~ the inclusion of psychological and behavioral health services in primary care settings is associated with a range of improved patient and health system outcomes; and

Whereas, integrated behavioral health services reduce health care costs and disability; and

Whereas, behavioral health specialists ~~embedded~~ LOCATED in pediatric, adult, and geriatric primary and specialty health settings have documented competencies necessary to provide evidence-based clinical and professional services, interprofessional education and research, and leadership; and

Whereas, guidelines for interprofessional health provider education have been disseminated for several years by both federal agencies and health professions groups; and

Whereas, specific CPT codes are available for integrated behavioral health activities; and

Whereas, specific Collaborative Care Agreements are utilized in the integrated behavioral health setting; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) promote the inclusion of psychology and psychological science in integrated primary and specialty health care to improve patient, family, and population health ~~across the lifespan~~ through collaborations with state and federal agencies, and consumer groups; and be it further

Resolved, that THE MOA ADVOCATE THIRD PARTY payers TO CONSIDER removing the mandate for two co-payments when integrated services are provided in a primary care setting in order TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND IMPROVE OUTCOMES ~~using a warm-hand off approach~~.