**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 18 – 2020**

**Introduced by:** The Academy of Medicine of Lima and Allen County

**Subject:** Time Frames for Insurance Charge Submission

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 2

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**WHEREAS**, Some insurance companies have recently sent notice that they are changing the time to submit charges after a patient encounter from 180 days to 90 days (50% cut in time allowed); and

**WHEREAS**, The notice of the change was only about 30 days which is too short to allow for process changes that are needed to accomplish this much shorter time frame; and

**WHEREAS**, The billing office does not always get the correct information about which insurance the patient has in a timely manner and may even bill and get a rejection from another insurance company first before the office can bill the correct company; and

**WHEREAS**, Insurance companies have done take back of previous payments as long as 4 years after the original payment which is unfair; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA work to prevent insurance companies from changing the time allowed for physicians to submit charges for services (such as from 180 days to 90 days) in the middle of a contract period; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA work to require at least 180-day notice if the time to submit charges is decreased by an insurance company; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA work to limit the time that an insurance company has to take back paid fees to the same amount of time that physicians have to submit charges (i.e. no take back after 90 days, if charges must be submitted in 90 days).

**Fiscal Note:** $ 1,000 (Sponsor)

 $ 5,000 (Staff)