

AAFP HOUSE OF DELEGATES Resolution

Introduced by Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians

Subject: *Protecting Hospitals and Patients from Inappropriate Denials of Inpatient Admission*

***Whereas,** oftentimes insurance companies require a peer to peer or review process for hospital admissions; and*

***Whereas,** if a physician assesses a patient as an appropriate full admission, the peer to peer physician often denies “full admission” status; and*

***Whereas,** if full admission status is denied, the insurance companies do not allow the patient to be reverted to “observation status,” which results in no payment to the hospital and a significant debt for the patient; therefore be it*

***Resolved,** that our AAFP assert that if an insurance company denies “full admission” status for a patient being hospitalized, that the insurance company must provide the ability to revert the status to observation so the hospital and patient are protected from total denial.*