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Resolution # 2022-12

Urging State Legislature to Amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act to Amend the Reimbursement Cap for Auto Accident Victims and Home Health Care.

WHEREAS the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act of 2019 introduced a fee cap, which took final effect on July 1, 2021; this cap set percentage limits on how much residential care facilities, home health care providers, and other persons can be reimbursed for providing treatment/care to auto accident victims; and

WHEREAS these reimbursement caps are 55% of the reimbursement rates that Home Care Providers were collecting in 2019;

WHEREAS, 55% of a Home Health Care provider's 2019 collections, is an unsustainable reimbursement cap to continue caring for catastrophically injured individuals following an auto accident; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to address a sustainable fee cap (i.e. Michigan's Workman's Compensation Fee Cap for Ancillary Services) for Home Health Care providers, in order to uphold these benefits that have been paid for by the survivors who are currently receiving and who will receive in-home, long-term care, when purchasing an Unlimited PIP Auto Insurance policy, paid by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontonagon County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Ontonagon County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as Commissioner Correspondence.

By motion of Commissioner Nousiainen supported by Commissioner Broemer and carried, resolution declared adopted.

AYES: Nousiainen, Broemer, Bourdeau, Cane & Nykanen

NAYS: None

ABSENTIONS: None

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Carl R. Nykanen, Board Chair

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