

RESOLUTION 1 - 05A

Title: Establishment of Tax Deductions or Tax Credits for Care Reimbursed at Levels Below Cost

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House Action:

Whereas, physicians provide care for patients for which they are compensated at a level less than the actual cost of providing that care, and

Whereas, care includes provision of services to patients who are completely indigent medically, who are partially medically indigent, who receive Medicaid coverage as well as other insurance coverage, which do not cover physicians' cost of providing care, and

Whereas, physicians have no way of recouping their costs via tax credits, tax deductions, or shifting costs, and

Whereas, there are not other benefits for caring for the medically indigent or partially medically indigent as there are in any other business which provides service at less than cost for those who cannot afford services; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation allowing tax credits or tax deductions for physicians who care for the uninsured or partially insured; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek federal legislation allowing tax credits or tax deductions for physicians who care for the uninsured or partially insured.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE