

RESOLUTION 27 – 06A

Title: Medicare and Balance Billing
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action:

Whereas, reimbursement for Medicare patients continues to decrease, and

Whereas, the cost of medical education and of delivery of care continue to increase, and

Whereas, the number of physicians giving care to the Medicare population continues to decrease, and

Whereas, those physicians continuing to see Medicare patients will have an ever increasing percentage of Medicare patients in their practice, and

Whereas, if you lose money on a service provided, you can't make it up on volume, and

Whereas, the AMA passed a resolution allowing balance billing for all patients, including Medicare; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to initiate legislation that actually allows physicians to balance bill now.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE