

RESOLUTION 28 – 06A

Title: Emergency Room Specialty Coverage
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) forces emergency rooms to treat all patients who present themselves, and

Whereas, as a prerequisite for hospital privileges physicians are required to take call and, therefore, either accept those patients for follow up, and often give medical advice to ER physicians who call for assistance or advice, and

Whereas, the hospital pays certain specialty physicians for their care for ER in hospital coverage; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to develop a program that would recommend proper compensation for covering physicians.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE