

RESOLUTION 31 – 06A

Title: Retail Health Clinics

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Referred to: Reference Committee D

House Action: Substitute Resolution (in lieu of Resolutions 31-06A and 60-06A) Adopted as Amended.

Whereas, MinuteClinic and other retail health clinics are proliferating rapidly across the United States, and

Whereas, consumer driven health care seems to be embracing the convenience and lower cost that these clinics offer, and

Whereas, the large chain stores such as CVS, Meijer, Target and WalMart are rushing to embrace this new concept and offer another customer service while profiting from the additional sales these clinics will generate, and

Whereas, the medical profession should focus its efforts on helping to craft the infrastructure of these clinics instead of expending resources in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to stop this model, and

Whereas, the American Academy of Family Physicians has already done considerable work on developing a list of attributes for these clinics that has the “medical home” as a foundation and includes attributes that address quality, communication from the clinic to the “medical home,” use of electronic medical records, a well-defined and limited scope of clinical practices, physician supervision, etc.; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to collaborate with the American Academy of Family Physicians and other primary care organizations to support their work in communicating the appropriate attributes for retail health clinics to the retail health clinic corporations and continue discussions regarding incorporating these attributes into the business operations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS enter into discussions with the Michigan Department of Community Health and other necessary parties to develop

**guidelines that define appropriate standards for health clinics in retail stores;
and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS strongly object to the use of retail stores as a
substitute for quality preventive primary care.**

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE