

RESOLUTION 43 – 06A

Title: Postpartum Depression Screening
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House Action:

Whereas, roughly a half million women suffer from postpartum depression each year, according to the federal government’s National Women’s Health Education Information Center, and

Whereas, the number increases exponentially because 10-15 percent of all pregnancies result in this condition and it is more common than gestational diabetes and at least as common as pregnancy-induced hypertension, and

Whereas, this condition is both unpredictable and no new mother is immune, and

Whereas, because the consequences of untreated postpartum depression can include psychiatric illness and in extreme cases, suicide or infanticide; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage physicians seeing postpartum women to screen them for postpartum depression, to intervene and support them for mood disorders, and to be knowledgeable about treatment, consultation, and referral; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage hospitals to provide information to the parents of newborns related to recognizing postpartum depression and treatment information; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS consider sponsoring a continuing medical education course for physicians related to identification and treatment of postpartum depression.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE