

RESOLUTION 46 – 06A

Title: Plan Standardization for Medicare Part D Choices
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action:

Whereas, different states now present 40-50 different Medicare Part D plan choices, and

Whereas, multiple different Medicare Part D plan choices create mass confusion among Medicare beneficiaries, those involved in pharmaceutical dispensing, and physicians alike, and

Whereas, standardization and limitation to a smaller number of viable Medicare Part D plan choices will relieve much of the confusion in understanding differences between plans and relieve much of the difficulty individuals have in choosing an appropriate plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with and encourage federal legislators to standardize viable Medicare Part D plan choices to a dozen or less; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with and encourage other stakeholders, including the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PhRMA), American Association of Health Plans, and MedPAC, to jointly work toward standardizing viable Medicare Part D plan choices to a dozen or less; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with and encourage others in organized medicine (including state and county medical societies), the public, and legislators at the state and local levels to exert efforts to bring about viable standardization of Medicare Part D plan choices to avoid confusion among beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE