

RESOLUTION 64 – 06A

Title: Flu Vaccine Accessibility
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House Action:

Whereas, the demand for flu vaccine continues to exceed the supply, and

Whereas, more than 120 million doses of influenza - the most in United States history – are expected to be needed for the 2006 – 2007 season, and

Whereas, pre-booking for the vaccine was initiated by the manufacturer Sanofi Pasteur, beginning January 30, 2006, and

Whereas, the company acknowledged that its call center was overwhelmed with more than 40,000 calls during the first 30 minutes of booking and announced by mid-February that it had booked all of its planned doses of influenza vaccine in record time, and

Whereas, the flu vaccine is being distributed to large health care systems and discount chains prior to distribution to physicians, thus not providing patients with the ability to obtain their flu shot where nearly half of patients usually do – their family physician, and

Whereas, this continues to be an unending problem for our patients and family physicians and the distribution problems need to be addressed at the federal level; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to make it a priority to work with the Centers for Disease Control on the issue of maldistribution of flu vaccine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Congressional Delegation be advised of MSMS concerns regarding the maldistribution of flu vaccine in our state and seek remedies to address the issue.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE