

RESOLUTION 89 – 06A

Title: Emergency Contraception, Equal Gender Access
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House Action:

Whereas, gender health care inequality continues to be evident, and

Whereas, reproductive health care inequality impacts negatively on the outcome of pregnancy, and

Whereas, approximately 50 percent of pregnancies are unplanned and this in itself may further negatively impact optimal maternal and neonatal pregnancy outcomes, and

Whereas, financially advantaged groups are known to be more apt at accessing and using preventive and health care services, and

Whereas, unencumbered access to all components of reproductive health care, including responsible parenthood, should not be limited to the male gender, and

Whereas, appropriate use of available resources for health care should be fully integrated and accessible to all regardless of gender or financial means, and

Whereas, making emergency contraception available does not encourage irresponsible sexual activity and has been proven to significantly reduce the risk of an unplanned pregnancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with specialty societies, public health departments, allied health care providers and legislators to make emergency contraception readily available and free from unnecessary and burdensome administrative and bureaucratic barriers.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

