

Title: Cardiac Surgery Certificate Of Need
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, cardiac disease is a major health problem in Michigan particularly among African Americans and in patients with limited medical access, and

Whereas, cardiac surgery services in Michigan are regulated by the Certificate of Need (CON) Commission which sets volume criteria for each certified program, and

Whereas, innovation in invasive cardiology and improvements in medical management have drastically reduced the number of cardiac surgeries performed nationwide, and

Whereas, several well-established and CON-approved programs are having difficulty meeting the volume criteria previously established due to these improvements, and

Whereas, terminating these programs would result in geographic isolation for patients previously served by these programs and elimination of the invasive cardiology programs that support the surgical programs, and

Whereas, this will result in an increase in mortality and morbidity to this population; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS urge the governor and the Certificate of Need (CON) Commission to distinguish between existing programs and requests for new programs regarding volume requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS urge the governor and Certificate of Need (CON) Commission to allow existing programs that fall below the volume requirements but otherwise meet CON criteria to continue to serve their populations provided they can affiliate with a larger program, preferably a teaching institution.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE