

RESOLUTION 48 - 05A

Title: Physician/Patient Partnership for Cost Effective Care
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, “pay for performance” for physicians by insurance plans and Medicare is the new trend, and

Whereas, physicians have an inherent conflict of interest in treating their patients while receiving financial incentives for limiting care, and

Whereas, health care decisions between physicians and patients based on cost could put the patients at odds with the physician; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to mandate that health plans reward patients for using physicians that practice evidence-based medicine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to seek alternate models to “pay for performance” that would encourage physicians to practice quality medicine and cut costs while being reimbursed adequately and the patients to seek out cost-effective care.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE