

RESOLUTION 49 - 05A

Title: Cost of Translator Services

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Referred to: Reference Committee A

House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, verbal communication with patients is the backbone of diagnosis and treatment, and

Whereas, physicians are currently required to provide a translator for patients, and

Whereas, providing translation services is an unreasonable financial burden; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the state of Michigan and the county governments to provide funding for translators, as it should be the responsibility of any government towards its citizens.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE