

**RESOLUTION 63 - 05A**

**Title: Maternity Services Delay by Public Health Insurance**  
**Introduced by: Federico G. Mariona, MD, for the Wayne County Delegation**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee D**  
**House Action: No Action**

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**Whereas, early prenatal care has repeatedly and consistently demonstrated a positive impact on obstetrical-neonatal outcomes, and**

**Whereas, rapid access to maternity services is delayed by poorly understood administrative policies and procedures, and**

**Whereas, public information fails to clearly inform the most vulnerable population on how to expedite the process to obtain timely maternity services, and**

**Whereas the Michigan Community Health Database demonstrates that maternal deaths early in pregnancy are associated with delayed prenatal care; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the American Medical Association, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), the Family Independence Agency (FIA) and with all other institutions and programs in the state to develop and disseminate effective educational programs to reach the eligible female population of reproductive age related to immediate access to maternity services upon request; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Department of Community Health and Family Independent Agency to avoid unnecessary steps delaying access to prenatal care services; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation requiring the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Family Independent Agency and the state of Michigan to provide immediate (within 48 hours from the time of the request) access to maternity services to any woman eligible for public assistance who contacts the health care system reporting a newly discovered or suspected pregnancy.**

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