

RESOLUTION 66 - 05A

Title: Development of a State-Wide Primary Care Capital Corporation

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Whereas, the hospitals and health systems serving Detroit, and increasingly in the rest of Michigan, are bearing an ever increasing burden of caring for people who are uninsured or have Medicaid, and

Whereas, the combinations of serving the uninsured and under-insured have forced major hospitals to close, and

Whereas, these factors have forced primary care physicians to leave urban communities for better economic and more stable professional positions, and

Whereas, in the past five years the number of primary care providers in Detroit have declined by nearly two-thirds and primary care clinics in Detroit and Wayne County has declined leaving only nine federally qualified health clinics to serve an under-insured population of approximately 700,000, and

Whereas, the recently developed Detroit Wayne County Health Authority has studied other cities' programs and has approved the development of a primary care capital corporation that will make loans available to physicians and community groups to establish and expand primary care facilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation to adopt a state-wide private primary care capital corporation that will make loans available to physicians and community groups to establish and expand primary care facilities to provide primary care for all citizens of the state of Michigan.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE