

Title: Single Payer National Health Insurance

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Referred to: Reference Committee B

House Action: Disapproved

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is projected to leave 29 million Americans without health care coverage, causing them to forego care, to receive care in expensive and inappropriate settings, or to receive care only at an advanced stage of disease, and

Whereas, the ACA is a complex bureaucracy that works through private insurers with high overhead, and

Whereas, Medicare receives high satisfaction ratings from patients and, when adequately funded, is a model for an efficient single payer system with low overhead, and

Whereas, nearly all advanced countries have well-functioning single payer systems that are embraced by their citizens, and

Whereas, a single payer system has advantages to medical practices including simplicity for billing and administration, and

Whereas, a single payer system can help American businesses be more competitive by eliminating their involvement in paying for health care for their employees, and

Whereas, a single payer system provides the opportunity to improve medical care according to themes of the MSMS *Future of Medicine* report, including “Universal Coverage,” “Prevention and wellness,” and “Partnering with patients;” therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS investigate supporting the adoption of a single-payer financing mechanism for national health insurance that does not disrupt or supplant systems of medical practice in the United States and does not impede the choice of physician or other provider, and that MSMS report back to the MSMS House of Delegates in 2014 regarding their investigation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That our AMA investigate supporting the adoption of a single-payer financing mechanism for national health insurance.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE