

Title: Extending Medicaid Payment Increases to Primary Care Physicians to Include Obstetrician/Gynecologists

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House Action: Adopted

Whereas, Medicaid currently covers over 40 percent of births in the United States and 44.1 percent of births in Michigan^{1,2,3} and

Whereas, 72 percent of women of reproductive age (18-44) are currently covered by Medicaid and an estimated 53 percent of currently uninsured women of reproductive age (15-44) in Michigan will become eligible for Medicaid in 2014^{4,5} and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act has expanded Medicaid full-coverage to include eight additional women's preventive services within the scope of practice of obstetrician/gynecologists⁶, and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act has nationally removed the requirement for primary care physician referrals to obstetrician/gynecologists⁷, and

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act has increased the Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care physicians (defined as family practitioners, internists, and pediatricians) to 100 percent of Medicare rates for 2013-2014⁸, and

Whereas, certified nurse midwives and non-physician practitioners operating under qualifying physicians are included as those eligible for the Medicaid payment increases⁹, and

Whereas, Medicaid in Michigan recognizes obstetrician/gynecologists as primary care providers¹⁰, and

Whereas, there is no net cost to the state over the next 21 years, Michigan will save \$320 million in uncompensated care costs by 2022, and with the Medicaid expansion, the federal government will cover the expenses Michigan pays today saving the state \$206 million in General Fund costs in 2014 alone¹¹; therefore be it

49 **RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate for the extension of Medicaid**
50 **reimbursement rate increases to primary care physicians to include**
51 **obstetrician/gynecologists; and be it further**

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53 **RESOLVED: That our AMA advocate for the extension of Medicaid**
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58 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

¹ Kaiser Family Foundation. (2011). "Medicaid Matters: Understanding Medicaid's Role in Our Health Care System" Available at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/8165.pdf>

² U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2011). "Medicaid Cost-Savings Opportunities" Available at <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/02/20110203tech.html>

³ Michigan League for Public Policy. (2012). "The Right Start for Michigan and Its Counties" Available at <http://www.milhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Michigan.pdf>
<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/Rankings.aspx?state=MI&ind=1716>

⁴ Kaiser Family Foundation. (2012). "Medicaid's Role for Women Across the Lifespan: Current Issues and the Impact of the Affordable Care Act" Available at <http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/upload/7213-04.pdf>

⁵ Kaiser Family Foundation. (2010). "Impact of Health Reform on Women's Access to Coverage and Care" Available at <http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/upload/7987.pdf>

⁶ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2011). "Affordable Care Act Rules on Expanding Access to Preventive Services for Women" Available at <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/08/womensprevention08012011a.html>

⁷ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2010). "The Affordable Care Act's New Patient's Bill of Rights" Available at <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2010/06/aca-new-patients-bill-of-rights.html>

⁸ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2011). "Affordable Care Act Timeline" Available at <http://www.medicaid.gov/AffordableCareAct/Timeline/Timeline.html>

⁹ The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured Kaiser Family Foundation. (2012). "Increasing Medicaid Primary Care Fees for Certain Physicians in 2013 and 2014: A Primer on the Health Reform Provision and Final Rule" Available at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/8397.pdf>

¹⁰ Kaiser Family Foundation. (2010). "Providers Recognized as Primary Care Providers (PCPs) in Managed Care Organizations" Available at <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparemaptable.jsp?ind=988&cat=4>

¹¹ State of Michigan. (2013). "Facts about Medicaid Expansion" Available at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/reinvent/medicaid-factsheet-final-2_410672_7.pdf