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3 **Title: Increase Medicaid Reimbursement for Specialist Services**
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6 **Section**
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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12 **Action: No Action**
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15 **Whereas, the Medicaid program is proposed to be expanded in the state**
16 **of Michigan and millions of people will be on Medicaid, and**
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18 **Whereas, primary care physicians will be paid at 100 percent of Medicare**
19 **rates and nurse practitioners and physician assistants will be paid at 85 percent**
20 **of Medicare rates, and**
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22 **Whereas, specialists will be paid only at the current rate of about 60**
23 **percent of Medicare rates, which is very low, and**
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25 **Whereas, timely specialist physician services are very essential to**
26 **Medicaid patients' health and well-being, and**
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28 **Whereas, there is already an access problem for specialist services for**
29 **Medicaid patients because of the low reimbursement environment; therefore be**
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32 **RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate for an increase in Medicaid**
33 **reimbursements for specialists to Medicare rates; and be it further**
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35 **RESOLVED: That our AMA advocate for an increase in Medicaid**
36 **reimbursements for specialists to Medicare rates.**
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39 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**