

RESOLUTION 84 - 05A

Title: Large Group Insurance Pools for the Uninsured
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, the number of uninsured will continue to increase with the current and future economic conditions in Michigan, and

Whereas, these patients are often treated in emergency rooms with no hope of paying their bills, and

Whereas, in the past, these uncompensated services were covered by cost-shifting, and

Whereas, cost-shifting is a thing of the past, these uncompensated services just add to the "overhead" for both hospitals and physicians; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the legislature to investigate the formation of a large group insurance pool to offer medical insurance coverage to the uninsured at a discount so there is some hope of affordability.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE