

**RESOLUTION 43-07A**

**Title: Medical Cost Shield for Patients Not Qualifying for Assistance**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
**House Action: No Action**

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**Whereas, physicians treat employed patients with health insurance who cannot afford the co-pays, and**

**Whereas, these patients have either minimal health insurance coverage or the co-pays and deductibles are higher than the patient can afford, and**

**Whereas, these patients work and receive a paycheck, but they struggle to “make ends meet” paying for housing, food, children, education, health insurance premiums, etc., and**

**Whereas, these patients earn too much money to be covered by Medicaid and other programs available to the uninsured; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS urge Governor Jennifer Granholm and the Michigan legislature to develop a program to assist/protect the working poor with health insurance in the event their medical needs are greater than they can afford.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**