

RESOLUTION 46-07A

Title: Children's Vision Screening

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Referred to: Reference Committee E

House Action: Approved

Whereas, early screening for vision problems in infants and children has always been in the purview of primary care physicians or established pre-school vision programs, and

Whereas, the cost for mandatory eye exams by eye care providers (optometrists and ophthalmologists) for asymptomatic children has not shown to be an effective use of health care dollars, and

Whereas, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, and the American Academy of Pediatrics have endorsed pre-school vision screening and well-child ophthalmic evaluations as the primary methods of vision screening in infants and children; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS support the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, and the American Academy of Pediatrics to encourage vision screening by primary care physicians and established vision screening programs.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE