

RESOLUTION 53-07A

Title: Support for AMA Efforts to Expand Health Insurance Coverage

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Referred to: Reference Committee A

House Action: No Action

Whereas, the 2005 census estimates that there are 46.6 million uninsured Americans (15.9 percent of the population), and at least 11.4 percent of Michigan citizens are uninsured, and

Whereas, comprehensive health system reform, which achieves access to quality health care for all Americans while improving the physician practice environment is of the highest priority for the AMA, and

Whereas, the AMA believes that individually owned health insurance, accomplished through changes in the current tax and individual insurance market systems, would provide the best opportunity to reverse the growth in the number of the uninsured and decrease health insurance costs, while also increasing the health plan choices of all Americans, and

Whereas, the AMA has developed a comprehensive health care reform plan based on refundable tax credits that emphasizes individual selection and ownership of health insurance; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS increase efforts to build political pressure for action on both expansion of health insurance coverage and access to care at the state and national levels; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS go on record as endorsing and supporting the AMA proposal for expanding health insurance coverage as outlined in “Expanding Health Insurance: the AMA Proposal for Reform.”

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE