

RESOLUTION 63-07A

Title: Revisions to the Certificate of Need (CON) Review Standards for Open Heart Surgery Services

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Referred to: Reference Committee B

House Action: No Action

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Community Health Certificate of Need (CON) Commission has approved the formation of a Standard Advisory Committee (SAC) for Open Heart Surgery Services and is charged to “review and recommend necessary changes to the Open Heart Surgery Services Standards” including that it “Review and determine minimum institutional and physician volume requirements in the Certificate of Need Review Standards for Open Heart Surgery Services,” and that it determines “How to demonstrate need and compliance looking at geographic locations, volume, length of commitment, and types of procedures,” and

Whereas, the SAC for Open Heart Surgery Services is listed in the CON Commission Work Plan [www.michigan.gov/documents/ Commission Workplan](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Commission_Workplan) as “currently in-process during the first half of 2007 with schedule to receive proposed standards/documents in September 2007, hold public hearings in October 2007 and submit ‘Final Commission action, public/legislative comment and transmittal to Governor/Legislature for 45-day review period in December 2007,’” and

Whereas, physicians and clinicians involved in open heart surgery and the literature support using “quality based data” as criteria for continuation of open heart services, that geographic considerations are important to the health and well being of Michigan residents; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively work with the Michigan Department of Community Health and its Standard Advisory Committee (SAC) to base Certificate of Need (CON) criteria on quality indicators as defined by the Michigan Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons, and not solely on an arbitrary number of cases performed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively lobby and interact with the state legislature and the governor to maintain the certification of the Open Heart Surgery Services programs that are currently serving their local communities effectively and with comparable quality to national standards.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE