

RESOLUTION 68-07A

Title: Routine Testing for HIV in Medical Care Settings
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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued recommendations for routine HIV testing in medical care, according to the September 22, 2006, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, and

Whereas, the incidence of newly reported cases of HIV infection and AIDS persists at about 40,000 per year, and

Whereas, unsuspected HIV exposure may lead to unwitting transmission of HIV, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that approximately 20-25 percent of persons infected with HIV are unaware of their status, and

Whereas, knowledge of positive HIV status usually results in seeking treatment and altering behaviors that affect transmissions, and

Whereas, routine testing and diagnosis does help to break the chain of transmission and enable earlier treatment, and

Whereas, health insurers have said they are considering covering new routine testing; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS support, promote and participate in the establishment and utilization of guidelines for routine HIV testing in medical settings, including the necessary alterations in current Michigan law that will facilitate this step.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE