

RESOLUTION 84-07A

Title: Depression in Pregnancy and Family Safety
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House Action: Adopted

Whereas, a pregnant woman's psychological health is a significant predictor of postpartum outcomes, and

Whereas, the use of a psychological health assessment evaluation tool may identify pregnant women at increased risk for abuse, child abuse, parental dysfunction, post partum depression, suicide and homicide, and

Whereas, the consistent use of such a clinical tool during prenatal care would benefit pregnant women in need of specific interventions and additional support to prevent depression and its consequences, and

Whereas, early identification and management of depressive symptoms in pregnant women may improve their health related quality of life and their safety; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the appropriate medical specialty societies, the office of the Michigan Surgeon General, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and public and private health insurance plans to create a state-wide educational program for the public and medical practitioners to increase their awareness of postpartum depression and depressive symptoms in pregnant women; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with all third-party payers to ensure that maternity benefits include the timely use of validated clinical screening tools to identify depression starting at the first prenatal care visit and continuing until the end of the first year post partum.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:

Depending upon the breadth and vehicles used to accomplish this educational program, the cost for consulting, development, advertising, printing, and postage is estimated anywhere from \$5,000 to \$100,000.