

RESOLUTION 8-08A

Title: Insurance Companies' Participation in Funding Graduate Medical Education to Solve Physician Shortage

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House Action: Adopted

Whereas, it is generally acknowledged that there is a significant physician shortage now in the state of Michigan, and

Whereas, that shortage of physicians will increase until there is an increase in residency slots, and

Whereas, a tight Medicare and Medicaid budget will not allow the funding of increased residency slots to reduce the physician shortage, and

Whereas, patients in the state of Michigan are already feeling access pressures that a shortage of physicians will only accentuate, and

Whereas, the population of the state of Michigan is aging, and

Whereas, an aging population requires more physicians rather than fewer, and

Whereas, all health insurance companies benefit from an increased pool of doctors; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation to require all health insurance companies licensed in Michigan to contribute to the cost of graduate medical education in Michigan sufficient to allow for a 20 percent expansion in residency slots in the state of Michigan.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE