

RESOLUTION 27-08A

Title: Insurance Coverage for Immunizations
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Referred to: Reference Committee D
House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, immunizations have been proven to be cost-effective with one of the lowest cost-benefit ratios of any medical interventions, and

Whereas, immunizations have decreased the morbidity and mortality of children from polio, mumps, measles, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, H. flue meningitis, pneumococcal meningitis, rotavirus, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella, meningococemia and meningococcal meningitis, HPV, and influenza and decreased the morbidity and mortality of adults from influenza, shingles and tetanus, and

Whereas, 14 percent of children who are covered by private health insurance are in plans that exclude benefits for immunizations, according to the U.S. Health Care Services and Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Evaluation of Vaccine Financing report *Financing Vaccines in the 21st Century* at http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecom/e_rx/mtgs/july2006/index.htm, and

Whereas, it is taking increasing resources for physicians to verify which immunizations are covered by which insurance companies; therefore be it

RESOVLED: That MSMS urge the Michigan state legislature and the governor to support legislation that will require all insurance companies who sell commercial insurance in Michigan to cover all immunizations that are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control for persons living in the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to support federal legislation that will require all insurance companies who sell commercial insurance to cover all immunizations that are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control for persons living in the United States.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE