

RESOLUTION 37-08A

Title: Medicare Coverage and Disability
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: No Action

Whereas, when a patient is disabled, Medicare benefits are withheld until two years of disability have occurred, and

Whereas, the rational for this is unclear, and

Whereas, there are many medical conditions that can be accurately predicted to be long term, and

Whereas, these patients have no ability to earn an income or cover costs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to urge federal legislation that would initiate Medicare coverage after six months for conditions that would undoubtedly be long term.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE