

## RESOLUTION 45-08A

**Title:** Health Care for Michigan Campaign

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**Referred to:** Reference Committee B

**House Action:** Adopted as Amended

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Whereas, MSMS supports comprehensive health system reform as described in the Future of Medicine report<sup>1</sup> (Res81-HOD06A), and

Whereas, MSMS supports the principle of universal access to health care (Res59-HOD04A), as well as affordable health insurance coverage for Americans (Res 41-HOD01A), and

Whereas, Michigan's current health care system leaves more than one million patients without health care coverage<sup>2</sup>, and both our system and these patients suffer from a lack of access to appropriate and adequate health care,<sup>3</sup> and

Whereas, research indicates that hospitals and physicians would both benefit substantially from increasing insurance coverage,<sup>4</sup> and

Whereas, polling results indicate that the people of the state of Michigan overwhelmingly support health care security in the form of a statewide insurance plan, despite the costs or state of the economy because health care is their top personal economic concern,<sup>5</sup> and

Whereas, Michigan's legislators need clear direction from the citizens of Michigan, generally, and its health care stakeholders, specifically, in order to implement appropriate health care reform, and

Whereas, a constitutional amendment to the Michigan Constitution would create a mandate for the legislature to act, and

Whereas, a constitutional amendment would enshrine the important health care principles of cost-effectiveness and comprehensiveness so that no matter who is in office the health care system will meet patients' needs, and

Whereas, statewide survey results indicate that greater than 95 percent of medical students of the state of Michigan support health care security for Michigan residents despite reservations about the cost of the plan, and these young physicians will be most affected by the insurance situation over the lifetime of their careers, and

Whereas, the state's osteopathic medical association supports the concept of the proposed constitution amendment; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS recognize the Health Care for Michigan Campaign; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS support the people of the state of Michigan in the efforts to ensure universal coverage and access to health care for all.

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

<sup>1</sup> Future of Medicine Report: Leading the Way to a Better Health Care System. Michigan State Medical Society.

<sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation State Reports. State Health Facts, 2006. <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/profileind.jsp?ind=125&cat=3&rqn=24>

<sup>3</sup> Hadley, J. Insurance Coverage, Medical Care Use, and Short-term Health Changes Following an Unintentional Injury or the Onset of a Chronic Condition. JAMA. 297(10): 1073-1084. 2007.

<sup>4</sup> Hadley, J., and Holahan, J. How Much Medical Care Do the Uninsured Use, and Who Pays for It? Health Affairs. 2003 Jan-Jun;Suppl Web Exclusives:W3-66-81.

<sup>5</sup> Memorandum from Lake Research Partners, Inc. to Interested Parties of Healthcare for Michigan dated October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, which discusses statewide survey results.