

RESOLUTION 69-08A

Title: Comparison of Reimbursement Rates in Contiguous States
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Whereas, there has been a long-held opinion that physicians in Michigan are reimbursed at lower rates than those in contiguous states, and

Whereas, that perception creates dissonance within the medical community, and

Whereas, that dissonance is further exacerbated by the high levels of Medicaid and other public aid type programs in the state of Michigan due to the overall economy, and

Whereas, it would be useful for policymakers to know if physician reimbursement rates are lower in Michigan, and

Whereas, there is value in knowledge, even if the news is not good; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS study the feasibility of surveying the Great Lakes states to determine where Michigan reimbursement rates fall for key insurers.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$125,000 to \$150,000 for a comprehensive comparison and analysis of fees for selected procedure codes by specialty among several different Midwestern health plans, according to a consulting firm, because it is a very complex and technical analysis that also depends on the cooperation of health plans and the comparability of the information they provide.

