

**RESOLUTION 72-08A**

**Title:** Support Voter Initiative to Amend the Michigan Constitution  
**Introduced by:** Suresh Anne, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation  
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**Referred to:** Reference Committee B  
**House Action:** No Action

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Whereas, a voter initiative in the state of Michigan entitled “Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network” (UHCAN) is circulating a petition that would amend the state constitution to require the legislature to assure that every Michigan resident has affordable and comprehensive health care coverage through a fair and cost-effective financing system, and

Whereas, the Michigan (UHCAN) petition proposes that the Michigan legislature must pass a plan that, through public or private measures, controls health care costs and provides for medically necessary preventive, primary, acute, and chronic health care needs, and

Whereas, the only person who can appropriately determine medical necessity is the patient’s own physician; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS join the Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network coalition; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS encourage its members and spouses to sign petitions in favor of the Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network proposal; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS encourage its component county medical societies to support the Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network initiative; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS assure that the legislature, in enacting legislation as required if the Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network amendment becomes law, define "medical necessity" as being the written recommendation of a patient's physician based on his or her evaluation of the patient.

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