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3 **RESOLUTION 15-09A**
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5 **Title: Extraordinary Confidential Provisions in Medical Health**
6 **Reform**
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12 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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14 **House Action: No Action**
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17 **Whereas, neither the Wellstone-Domenici Mental Health Parity Bill nor the**
18 **newly passed State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) bill, which**
19 **includes mental health benefits for children, have the details of implementation**
20 **yet worked out, and**
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22 **Whereas, electronic medical records and e-prescribing are gathering**
23 **momentum as part of the Administration’s Health Reform and will create privacy**
24 **and confidentiality issues, and**
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26 **Whereas, confidentiality is the cornerstone to permit and ensure effective**
27 **psychotherapeutic and medical intervention, and**
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29 **Whereas, the prescription of certain medications are specific to certain**
30 **diagnoses and reveal the patient’s condition, and**
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32 **Whereas, Medicare as a paradigm national insurance disallows a case-by-**
33 **case opt-out or waiver of insurance benefits unless one excludes one’s entire**
34 **practice from claims billing, and**
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36 **Whereas, there still remains a stigma attached to mental illness, sexually**
37 **transmitted disease, abortion, etc.; therefore be it**
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39 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
40 **make every effort to ensure in the implementation of the medical health reform**
41 **legislation and especially in mental health parity legislation and the State**
42 **Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that patients’ confidentiality be**
43 **protected – with waivers and opt-out provisions allowed without financial**
44 **prejudice – so that children and adults can get the medical health benefits they**
45 **need if they choose to pay for it themselves.**
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48 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**