

RESOLUTION 75-09A

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3 **Title:** **Controlling Health Care Costs and “What We Need to do**
4 **Ourselves as Physicians”**
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6 **Introduced by:** **H. Richard Henderson, MD, for the Wayne County Delegation**
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10 **Referred to:** **Reference committee A**
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12 **House Action:** **No Action**

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15 **Whereas, the quote in this resolution’s title is by AMA President Nancy H.**
16 **Nielsen, MD who continued by saying, “We need to acknowledge that the orders**
17 **we write drive up health care costs,” and**
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19 **Whereas, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) located**
20 **in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, has as its mission**
21 **“advancing excellence in health care,” and**
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23 **Whereas, this AHRQ, on a monthly basis publishes at no cost, a 28-page**
24 **document titled “Research Activities,” and**
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26 **Whereas, this AHRQ has 10 departments that keep the physician up to**
27 **date on best practice issues and regularly comments on what works and doesn’t**
28 **work in health care practice, and**
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30 **Whereas, this AHRQ has a new website on emerging issues in medical**
31 **therapeutics that assist in clinical practice and health care decision-making in**
32 **areas where evidence is undergoing significant and rapid changes, and**
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34 **Whereas, the *New England Journal of Medicine* publishes “Journal**
35 **Watch,” which evaluates pertinent journal articles on what works and doesn’t**
36 **work in the way of treatment and prevention, and**
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38 **Whereas, there are any number of studies and experts in the field such as**
39 **Doctor John Wennberg and his associates at Dartmouth who have demonstrated**
40 **health care that is inappropriate and costly; therefore be it**
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42 **RESOLVED: That MSMS assign a committee to investigate how physician**
43 **utilization of health care resources impacts the cost of health care in Michigan**
44 **and address the ways to optimize utilization in order to reduce the cost of health**
45 **care.**
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48 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**