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3 **Title: Medicare to Reinstate Consultation Codes**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
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11 **House Action: No Action**  
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14 **Whereas, Medicare has effectively eliminated consultation codes from**  
15 **January 1, 2010, and**

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17 **Whereas, several primary care physicians and subspecialists perform**  
18 **complex consultations that require time and energy, and**

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20 **Whereas, several subspecialty societies are opposing such a measure**<sup>1,2</sup>  
21 **citing possible reduced access to care of patients with significant co-morbidities**  
22 **such as diabetes mellitus and HIV infections, and**

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24 **Whereas, the premise of Medicare that consultation codes are often**  
25 **reported defectively could be rectified with a simplified consultation code**  
26 **reporting system; therefore be it**

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28 **RESOLVED: That Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to lobby the**  
29 **U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the U.S. House of**  
30 **Representatives, and the U.S. Senate to reinstate consultation codes that are used**  
31 **by several primary care physicians and subspecialists.**  
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34 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

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<sup>1</sup> Martinelli LP et al. Devaluing a specialty: the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services proposal to eliminate consultation codes. Clin Infect Dis. 2009 Oct 1;49(7):995-6. (Accessed 20 October 2009 at [www.idsociety.org/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=15361](http://www.idsociety.org/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=15361))

<sup>2</sup> The endocrine society. CMS Proposes to Eliminate Consultation Codes in 2010; Members Asked to Voice Concern. <http://www.endo-society.org/advocacy/insider/upload/Endocrine-Insider.pdf> (Accessed 20 October 2009)