

Title: Single-Payer National Health Insurance

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House Action:

Whereas, nearly every advanced country has a well-functioning single-payer system that is embraced by its citizens, and

Whereas, a single-payer system finances health care through private physicians and hospitals and is not “socialized medicine”, and

Whereas, a single-payer system has the advantage of simplicity for billing and for medical care administration, and

Whereas, Medicare is a single-payer system that is much more efficient than private payers and receives high satisfaction ratings by patients, and

Whereas, a single payer system has the potential to help American businesses to be more competitive globally by reducing their financial obligation for their employees’ health care, and

Whereas, a single payer system, compared to our present system, would extend coverage to over 50 million people without health insurance and would provide them with better care at lower cost by increasing primary care and reducing unnecessary visits to Emergency Departments, and

Whereas, a single payer system would be free from legal challenges like those concerning the “individual mandate” of the Affordable Care Act, and

Whereas, a single-payer system provides the opportunity to improve medical care according to themes of the MSMS Future of Medicine report, including “Universal Coverage”, “Prevention and Wellness”, and “Partnering with Patients”; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the MSMS support the adoption of a single-payer national health insurance system in the United States; and be if further

RESOLVED: That the MSMS explore opportunities to partner with other organizations to lobby for a single-payer national health insurance system.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE