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3 **Title: AMA Increase its Accountability to MSMS**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee C**
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, the “Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act” will**
15 **have significant and direct profound impact to physician reimbursement and**
16 **health care delivery, and**

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18 **Whereas, the American Medical Association made a unilateral decision to**
19 **support the principles of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care**
20 **Act” in the summer of 2009, and**

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22 **Whereas, numerous physician organizations and state medical societies**
23 **either oppose or do not formally support the “Patient Protection and Affordable**
24 **Care Act,” and**

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26 **Whereas, the American Medical Association currently represents less**
27 **than 20 percent of physicians in the United States of America^{1, 2} and**

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29 **Whereas, state medical societies function in conjunction with the**
30 **American Medical Association and represent physicians of diverse interests**
31 **including primary care and specialists, and**

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33 **Whereas, legislators in the Congress and Executive Branch view the**
34 **American Medical Association as the “Voice of Medicine;” therefore be it**

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36 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan State Medical Society insist that the**
37 **American Medical Association proactively increase its transparency,**
38 **accountability, and improve communication by providing rationale for positions**
39 **to constituent societies and members regarding its actions pertaining to health**
40 **care legislation.**

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

¹ Peck P, “AMA Membership Bounces Back Slightly,” [MedPage Today](#), June 12, 2006.

² Robezniks A, “AMA Profit Grows Despite Membership Decline,” [Modern Physician.com](#), June 7, 2010.