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3 **Title:** Taxpayer Funding of Abortion
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9 **Referred to:** Reference Committee C
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, the pre-1990 MSMS Policy on Medicaid Funding of Abortions**
15 **reads “The state of Michigan should fund abortions for Medicaid patients,”¹ and**
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17 **Whereas, the 2007 MSMS House of Delegates adopted a neutral position**
18 **on controversial research using Human Embryos, which respected the diversity**
19 **of opinion amongst MSMS membership, promoted unity amongst the Michigan**
20 **house of medicine, and allowed MSMS resources to be directed to consensus**
21 **driven policy initiatives, and**
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23 **Whereas, taxpayer funding of abortion is a similarly divisive issue and**
24 **current policy supporting taxpayer funding of abortion is objectionable to many**
25 **MSMS members, potential MSMS members, and Michigan citizens, and**
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27 **Whereas, MSMS should respect the diversity of opinion of Michigan**
28 **physicians and citizens regarding the use of tax dollars for abortion; therefore**
29 **be it**
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31 **RESOLVED: That MSMS delete the pre-1990 Policy on Medicaid Funding**
32 **of Abortions which states “The state of Michigan should fund abortions for**
33 **Medicaid patients.”**
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36 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

¹ MSMS Policy Manual, Page 1,
http://www.msms.org/AM/Template.cfm?section=Policy_Manual&template=/MembersOnly.cfm&ContentID=13489