

**Title: Require Federally-funded Health Centers to participate in Prescription Assistance Programs (PAP)**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee A**

**House Action:**

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**Whereas, many people have no insurance or even jobs to provide income to help them purchase medications, and**

**Whereas, these medications are not filled or picked up at the pharmacy because of high cost to these patients, and**

**Whereas, Prescription Assistance Programs could be accessed by these patients if their physicians will fill out the paperwork and distribute the drugs sent to their offices by the pharmaceutical companies, and**

**Whereas, federally-funded community health centers were set up to assist these same patients who are not eligible for Medicaid, and**

**Whereas, some of these federally-funded community health centers have refused to assist their patients utilize prescription assistance programs: therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS request the legislature insist that these health centers be required to participate in prescription assistance programs as needed by their uninsured patients; and be it further**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS Delegation to the AMA request that the AMA pursue congressional action to require federally-funded community health centers to participate in prescription assistance programs as needed by their uninsured patients.**

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