

**Title: Confirmation of Federally Qualified Health Centers' (FQHCs) Compliance with Federal Guidelines**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee A**

**House Action:**

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**Whereas, Federally Qualified Health Centers are designated federal support recipients due to their service in providing accessible health care to a community, and**

**Whereas, most low- or no-income residents in a community are referred to FQHCs for their services when other physicians and or health providers cannot provide care to uninsured residents, and**

**Whereas, FQHCs enjoy a 501(c)(3), non-profit status based on their compliance in delivering care to non-insurance, low-income, non-compensating patients, and**

**Whereas, communities rely on FQHCs to fulfill their commitment to the community and be compliant with the conditions of the agreement with the federal government, and**

**Whereas, multiple patients have been turned down by various federally-funded community health centers for prescription assistance programs, and**

**Whereas, it has been documented that those same programs have physically bussed their applicants for medical care to free clinics, and**

**Whereas, frequently diagnostic studies are not ordered or done, apparently, due to expense, and**

**Whereas, there are abandonment issues when these centers have refused to see patients who have an outstanding monetary balance on file, and**

**Whereas large sums of money have been expended for various services, including dental, that have been closed; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS investigate current patient complaints regarding Michigan's FQHCs who receive federal support because of multiple reports of patients without insurance being refused care; and be it further**

50           **RESOLVED: That MSMS request that the Michigan Department of**  
51 **Community Health and the appropriate federal agencies evaluate the current**  
52 **practices of FQHCs in terms of meeting their mission to serve community**  
53 **needs; and be it further**

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55           **RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate that FQHC organizations that bus or**  
56 **transport illegal or undocumented individuals to other health centers for them**  
57 **to receive care be forced to discontinue the practice or lose their FQHC status;**  
58 **and be it further**

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60           **RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate that patients of FQHCs be given 30**  
61 **days notice, similar to private physician offices, if relationships with patients**  
62 **are to be discontinued due to the patient's inability to pay and documented**  
63 **non-compensation of existing, prior charges.**

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