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3 **Title: Establish a Physician Organization Section Within MSMS**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws**
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11 **House Action:**
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14 **Whereas, with the advent and growth of physician**
15 **organizations/independent practice associations (POs/IPAs) during the 1980s**
16 **and 1990s, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) Board of Directors**
17 **created a Physician Organization Committee for the study and consideration of**
18 **matters of special interest or significance for physician members who are**
19 **involved with POs/IPAs, and**
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21 **Whereas, during the 2000s to present, the MSMS Board of Directors**
22 **elevated the Physician Organization Committee to the Council of Physician**
23 **Organizations, and**
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25 **Whereas, the MSMS Council of Physician Organizations has been**
26 **effective in addressing issues of interest and concern to physicians in**
27 **POs/IPAs, but does not have a direct voice in the matters of organized medicine**
28 **through representation within the MSMS House of Delegates, and**
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30 **Whereas, during the past several decades MSMS has created the**
31 **Resident and Fellow Section, the Medical Student Section, the Organized**
32 **Medical Staff Section, the International Medical Graduates Section, and the**
33 **Young Physicians Section, all of which are afforded at least one delegate and**
34 **one alternate delegate to the MSMS House of Delegates as outlined in the**
35 **MSMS Constitution and Bylaws, and**
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37 **Whereas, approximately 36 specialty societies are recognized by MSMS,**
38 **all of which are afforded one delegate and one alternate delegate to the MSMS**
39 **House of Delegates through specific criteria outlined in the MSMS Constitution**
40 **and Bylaws, and**
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42 **Whereas, three years ago the MSMS House of Delegates extended**
43 **representation to ethnic medical societies that meet the same criteria as the**
44 **specialty societies for representation in the MSMS House of Delegates with**
45 **three ethics societies currently qualifying, and**
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47 **Whereas, an estimated 70 to 100 POs/IPAs ranging in size from a dozen**
48 **or two physician members to hundreds of members currently are operating in**
49 **Michigan, and**

50 Whereas, an increasing number of MSMS physician members are
51 becoming affiliated with a PO/IPA because of emerging reimbursement
52 methods of Michigan insurance companies and Medicare with a focus on
53 evidence-base medicine and reporting on quality and cost measures, and
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55 Whereas, it is recognized among health care experts that POs/IPAs will
56 be important in the development of physician-led accountable care
57 organizations/organized systems of care as outlined by the Patient Protection
58 and Affordable Care Act, and
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60 Whereas, MSMS members participating in POs/IPAs need an effective
61 place within the structure of MSMS to discuss, plan, and pursue policy relevant
62 to POs/IPAs, and
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64 Whereas, MSMS needs to show MSMS physician members of POs/IPAs
65 that their specific issues and concerns will have a forum for discussion and
66 action within the family of medicine; therefore be it
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68 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS amend its bylaws to create a Physician
69 Organization Section made up of MSMS members representing the various
70 physician organizations/ independent practice associations in Michigan with
71 the Section eligible for one delegate and one alternate delegate to the MSMS
72 House of Delegates; and be it further
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74 **RESOLVED:** That if MSMS amends its bylaws to create a Physician
75 Organization Section, the criteria for an established physician
76 organization/independent practice association (PO/IPA) to send an MSMS
77 member representative to the Section will be that 50 percent or more of the
78 PO/IPA members must be members of MSMS.
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81 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**