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**Title: Improved Medicaid Payment To All Physicians**

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**Referred to: Reference Committee B**

**House Action: Adopted.**

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**Whereas, Medicaid payments in the state of Michigan are very low compared to Medicare and Blue Cross, and**

**Whereas, poor reimbursement is causing access problems for needy patients, and**

**Whereas, per the new federal health care reform regulations, Medicaid will be paying Medicare rates to primary services only, but not services provided by specialists, and**

**Whereas, there is a severe access problem to specialist services for Medicaid patients in Michigan as well, therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That MSMS aggressively lobby for improved Medicaid reimbursement for all physician services both primary care and specialists and make this a top priority of advocacy by MSMS.**

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