

RESOLUTION 08-15

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3 Title: Responsible Parenting and Access to Family Planning
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
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14 Whereas, nearly 50 percent of the pregnancies in the United States of America are
15 unplanned, and

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17 Whereas, Michigan’s recent information shows that only 33 percent of
18 reproductive age women with a chronic deteriorating medical condition receive prescribed
19 contraception in spite of their increased risk for obstetrical adverse outcomes, and
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21 Whereas, a significant number of those pregnancies impact the birth outcome and
22 the short and long term health of the newborn and frequently increase the maternal risk
23 for significant morbidity or even mortality, and
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25 Whereas, a recent Supreme Court decision sets back health care progress and
26 militates against the physician ability to prescribe the family planning method that will best
27 fit with the individual woman’s needs, and
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29 Whereas, family planning services and methods should be considered an
30 essential health care service no different than any other form of health care, and
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32 Whereas, these services must not depend on the woman’s ability to pay and must
33 be included within any health care coverage that facilitates the woman’s access to obtain
34 it¹; therefore be it
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36 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with state public health officials and medical
37 societies to educate patients on all available and approved methods of family planning.
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40 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

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