

RESOLUTION 46-15

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3 Title: Fairness in the Medicaid Enhanced Reimbursement Program
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee A
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11 House Action: **APPROVED**
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14 Whereas, the State of Michigan operates a Medicaid Enhanced
15 Reimbursement Program (MERP) for physicians who serve as medical school faculty,
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18 Whereas, via the MERP, teaching physicians are reimbursed at Medicare rates
19 when caring for Medicaid patients, and
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21 Whereas, for fiscal reasons the State of Michigan has placed restrictions on
22 new faculty joining the program, and
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24 Whereas, these restrictions have primarily affected eligible faculty at the state's
25 newest medical schools leading to regional disparities in Michigan's Medicaid
26 reimbursement rates; therefore be it
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28 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the State of Michigan to eliminate
29 restrictions which are preventing medical school faculty from joining Michigan's
30 Medicaid Enhanced Reimbursement Program.
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33 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None