

**RESOLUTION 67-15**

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3 Title: Placement of Psychiatric Emergency Patients in Appropriate  
4 Mental Health Facilities

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6 Introduced by: Domenic R. Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation

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10 Referred to: Reference Committee A

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12 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
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15 Whereas, many emergency care centers are overcrowded, and

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17 Whereas, many psychiatric patients spend many hours in those emergency  
18 centers while staff try to arrange inpatient psychiatric bed placement, and

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20 Whereas, there appears to be a shortage of those beds in lower Michigan  
21 resulting in patients being transported hundreds of miles from their homes and  
22 sometimes to other states; therefore be it

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24 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with the Michigan Health and Hospital  
25 Association and the Michigan Department of Community Health to collect and publish  
26 data from all emergency facilities for a specified period of time regarding average time  
27 spent in emergency beds awaiting psychiatric bed placement and the distance from  
28 those facilities to where the patient is finally transported; and be it further

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30 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS seek legislative recourse if there is no progress in  
31 working with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and the Michigan  
32 Department of Community Health to collect and publish data from all emergency  
33 facilities for a specified period of time regarding average time spent in emergency  
34 beds awaiting psychiatric bed placement and the distance from those facilities to  
35 where the patient is finally transported.  
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38 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None