

RESOLUTION 72-15

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3 Title: Reform Michigan Medicaid GME Funding  
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5 Introduced by: Mouhanad Hammami, MD, for the International Medical Graduate  
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10 Referred to: Reference Committee B  
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12 House Action: **APPROVED**  
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15 Whereas, there is a shortage of physicians in Michigan, and

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17 Whereas, the state of Michigan appropriates money for graduate medical  
18 education (GME) funding to hospitals, and

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20 Whereas, the present funding is firmly based on extra GME money paid to  
21 hospitals for Medicare slots already funded (direct and indirect payments) by the  
22 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and covering all the expenses included in  
23 resident and faculty salaries, and

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25 Whereas, this payment formula does not require hospitals to increase the GME  
26 slots, and

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28 Whereas, this money is not earmarked by hospitals for GME and goes into  
29 general revenue; therefore be it

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31 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS lobby the Michigan Legislature and Governor's  
32 Office to require that all Medicaid Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding to  
33 hospitals be earmarked and spent for GME purposes only; and be it further

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35 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS lobby the Michigan Legislature and Governor's  
36 Office to require that the current Medicaid Graduate Medical Education funding to  
37 hospitals be replaced with a new formula of paying the hospitals and institutions for  
38 direct medical education expenses (i.e., resident salaries and benefits, faculty  
39 salaries, program support staff, and hospital overhead) for additional slots exceeding  
40 the Medicare funding cap only; and be it further

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42 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS lobby the Michigan Legislature and Governor's  
43 Office to encourage Graduate Medical Education funding for innovative residency  
44 programs to promote access to patient care in urban and rural areas and in  
45 specialties with limited patient access.  
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48 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None