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Title: Responsible Parenting and Access to Family Planning

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Referred to: Reaffirmation Calendar

House Action: **REAFFIRM**

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Whereas, nearly 50 percent of the pregnancies in the United States of America are unplanned, and

Whereas, Michigan’s recent information shows that only 33 percent of reproductive age women with a chronic deteriorating medical condition receive prescribed contraception in spite of their increased risk for obstetrical adverse outcomes, and

Whereas, a significant number of those pregnancies impact the birth outcome and the short and long term health of the newborn and frequently increase the maternal risk for significant morbidity or even mortality, and

Whereas, even a recent Supreme Court decision sets back health care progress and militates against the physician’s ability to prescribe the family planning method that will best fit with the individual woman’s needs, and

Whereas, family planning services and methods should be considered an essential health care service no different than any other form of health care, and

Whereas, these services must not depend on the woman’s ability to pay and must be included within any health care coverage that facilitates the woman’s access to obtain it; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with state public health officials and other interested organizations to ensure the education of women on proper use of Food and Drug Administration-approved methods of family planning and assure that reproductive counseling is accessible and appropriately funded; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to work with all of the national medical societies and other interested organizations involved in women’s health care to ensure the education of women on the proper use of Food and Drug Administration-approved methods of family planning and assure that reproductive counseling is accessible and appropriately funded.

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