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Title: Single-Payer Health Insurance
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, with the anticipated repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the national offing, this is a propitious time for MSMS to invigorate support of the adoption of a single-payer financing mechanism for health insurance as MSMS previously considered under Resolution 32-14, and

Whereas, a single payer system has advantages to medical practices including simplicity of billing and administration, and

Whereas, Medicare as a model receives high satisfaction ratings from patients and, when adequately funded, is a model for an efficient single payer system with low overhead of approximately three percent, and

Whereas, nearly all advanced countries have a well-functioning single payer system that is embraced by their citizens, and

Whereas, a single payer system can help Michigan businesses to be more competitive by eliminating their involvement in purchasing health care for their employees, and

Whereas, a single payer system provides the opportunity to improve medical care per themes identified in the MSMS *Future of Medicine* report, including "Universal Coverage," "Prevention and Wellness," and "Partnering with Patients;" therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS review various models for financing health care and report to the 2018 MSMS House of Delegates on its deliberations.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: This request would require MSMS to engage with a consulting firm with expertise in this area. Estimates range from \$50,000 - \$60,000.