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Title: Vaccine Costs
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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, vaccinations have traditionally been provided by primary care physicians (PCPs) in their office or at a local Public Health Department, and

Whereas, the need for obtaining zoster vaccine (Zostavax) at a pharmacy due to inadequate Medicare Part D coverage led to market demand for injection services by pharmacists, and

Whereas, pharmacists can obtain reduced costs for vaccines, while PCPs do not have the same ability to bargain for these same reduced costs, and

Whereas, this discrepancy allows pharmacists to provide the vaccination for less than the cost the PCP must pay just to obtain the vaccine, and

Whereas, pharmacists are not being held responsible for the overall quality of each patient’s care, while the PCP is being held responsible for the overall quality of each patient’s care, including the need to meet any quality metrics for vaccinations, even though the PCP can no longer assure patient compliance with the recommended vaccinations, and

Whereas, the service being provided by pharmacists does not include recording or reporting the administration of these vaccinations in a consistent manner, and

Whereas, patients are often non-compliant with obtaining a recommended vaccination from a pharmacist or with updating their medical record with the PCP’s office, and

Whereas, since PCPs are not allowed to administer certain vaccines at competitive prices in their offices, some PCPs have begun to no longer provide vaccinations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with third-party payers and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the state of Michigan level to seek reduced costs for vaccines for all purchasers through pharmacy benefit managers or alternative sources so that primary care physicians may administer vaccines at the same competitive prices as a pharmacist or a pharmacy.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE