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Title: Single-Payer Health Insurance
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: **Approved as Amended**

Whereas, with the demise of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the national offering, this is a propitious time for the MSMS Board of Directors to invigorate its support of the adoption of a single-payer financing mechanism for health insurance as MSMS previously considered pursuant to 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 3 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 paying for health care for their employees, and

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

RESOLVED: That MSMS monitor various models for financing health care including, but not limited to, physician-designed single-payer health insurance, on a regular basis with reports back to the MSMS House of Delegates on any new findings.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy:

National Health Care

MSMS supports voluntary, free-choice methods of medical and health care rather than a system dominated and controlled by the federal government. (Prior to 1990)
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