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Title: Study of Inpatient Psychiatric Beds
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House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

Whereas, when physicians in Michigan discern that our patients require inpatient psychiatric attention, we find that such services are not available, and

Whereas, the impact of deinstitutionalization where national and state (federal) closures of inpatient psychiatric hospitals left persons with significant mental illness adrift, and

Whereas, this process also left the community with too few inpatient psychiatric beds, and

Whereas, a National Public Radio¹ report from 2017 speaks to the issue, and

Whereas, every physician, medical clinic, emergency room and mental health clinic has predictable needs for inpatient psychiatric beds for persons with significant psychiatric problems, and

Whereas, due to a shortage, all of us have experiences where our patients need such service, it is very difficult to arrange the service, and the patient suffers; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively study the shortage of inpatient beds for the comprehensive treatment of patients in Michigan who suffer from medical problems, psycho-social maladies, and psychiatric disorders. Such study should include an estimation of the extent of the need for expanded inpatient options.

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.

Relevant MSMS Policy: None

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2017/11/30/567477160/how-the-loss-of-u-s-psychiatric-hospitals-led-to-a-mental-health-crisis>