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Title: Concierge Medicine Based Practices
Introduced by: Cathy O. Blight, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Whereas, the current medical economic environment is creating many changes in the configurations of how physicians decide to group together or work alone, and

Whereas, the hassle factors associated with accepting insurances represents a major cost to practices and causes frustration for physicians, and

Whereas, physicians have no control over which insurances their patients subscribe to, and

Whereas, physicians have no control over the divergent requirements of each individual insurance company, and

Whereas, a small but growing subset of physicians have chosen to no longer accept insurance in an innovative approach called concierge medicine, and

Whereas, some physician primary practices charge a monthly subscription fee which allows them to offer a complete range of primary care services, including those that insurance coverages do not allow for, and

Whereas, the United States tax code represents an impediment to primary care being provided directly because the Internal Revenue Service does not allow patients to use health savings accounts to pay for primary concierge-based care by doctors, and

Whereas, a concierge medicine subscription disqualifies individuals from contributing to a health savings account; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to actively lobby for revision to the Internal Revenue Service code to allow health savings accounts to be used for concierge medicine and direct primary care.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant AMA Policy:

Direct Primary Care H-385.912

Our AMA supports inclusion of Direct Primary Care as a qualified medical expense by the Internal Revenue Service.