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Title: Medicaid Expansion
Introduced by: Richard Burney, MD, for the Washtenaw County Delegation
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Referred To: Reaffirmation Calendar
House Action: **REAFFIRMED**

Whereas, the Affordable Care Act, which beneficially expanded health insurance coverage in the United States, allowed states to determine if they wished to enact Medicaid Expansion, and

Whereas, lack of insurance coverage has devastating effects on the health of all persons, affecting them, their families, and society in general, and

Whereas, Medicaid expansion in the states in which it has been enacted has been demonstrated to have beneficial effects on the health status of enrollees and to save money; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to advocate strongly for expansion of the Medicaid program to all states; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to produce informational brochures and other communications that can be distributed by health care providers to inform the public of the importance of expanded health insurance coverage to all.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: Name

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Medicaid Expansion

MSMS supports the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Relevant AMA Policy:

Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansion H-290.965

1. Our AMA encourages state medical associations to participate in the development of their state's Medicaid access monitoring review plan and provide ongoing feedback regarding barriers to access.
2. Our AMA will continue to advocate that Medicaid access monitoring review plans be required for services provided by managed care organizations and state waiver programs, as well as by state Medicaid fee-for-service models.
3. Our AMA supports efforts to monitor the progress of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on implementing the 2014 Office of Inspector General's recommendations to improve access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

4. Our AMA will advocate that CMS ensure that mechanisms are in place to provide robust access to specialty care for all Medicaid beneficiaries, including children and adolescents.
5. Our AMA supports independent researchers performing longitudinal and risk-adjusted research to assess the impact of Medicaid expansion programs on quality of care.
6. Our AMA supports adequate physician payment as an explicit objective of state Medicaid expansion programs.
7. Our AMA supports increasing physician payment rates in any redistribution of funds in Medicaid expansion states experiencing budget savings to encourage physician participation and increase patient access to care.
8. Our AMA will continue to advocate that CMS provide strict oversight to ensure that states are setting and maintaining their Medicaid rate structures at levels to ensure there is sufficient physician participation so that Medicaid patients can have equal access to necessary services.
9. Our AMA will continue to advocate that CMS develop a mechanism for physicians to challenge payment rates directly to CMS.
10. Our AMA supports extending to states the three years of 100 percent federal funding for Medicaid expansions that are implemented beyond 2016.
11. Our AMA supports maintenance of federal funding for Medicaid expansion populations at 90 percent beyond 2020 as long as the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion exists.
12. Our AMA supports improved communication among states to share successes and challenges of their respective Medicaid expansion approaches.
13. Our AMA supports the use of emergency department (ED) best practices that are evidenced-based to reduce avoidable ED visits.

Medicaid Expansion D-290.979

Our AMA, at the invitation of state medical societies, will work with state and specialty medical societies in advocating at the state level to expand Medicaid eligibility to 133% (138% FPL including the income disregard) of the Federal Poverty Level as authorized by the ACA and will advocate for an increase in Medicaid payments to physicians and improvements and innovations in Medicaid that will reduce administrative burdens and deliver healthcare services more effectively, even as coverage is expanded.

Medicaid Expansion Options and Alternatives H-290.966

1. Our AMA encourages policymakers at all levels to focus their efforts on working together to identify realistic coverage options for adults currently in the coverage gap.
2. Our AMA encourages states that are not participating in the Medicaid expansion to develop waivers that support expansion plans that best meet the needs and priorities of their low income adult populations.
3. Our AMA encourages the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to review Medicaid expansion waiver requests in a timely manner, and to exercise broad authority in approving such waivers, provided that the waivers are consistent with the goals and spirit of expanding health insurance coverage and eliminating the coverage gap for low-income adults.
4. Our AMA advocates that states be required to develop a transparent process for monitoring and evaluating the effects of their Medicaid expansion plans on health insurance coverage levels and access to care, and to report the results annually on the state Medicaid web site.