

MSMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017 Resolution #2

Introduced by: Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, South Central Medical Society

Subject: *MEDICAID CHANGES WILL ERODE HEALTH CARE IN MISSISSIPPI*

WHEREAS, proposals in Congress will negatively impact the previous positive (4 to 1) Medicaid match for Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, these changes which include a block grant proposal may devastate the funding for Mississippi's Medicaid program by up to 50%; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12 as adopted by the 2016 House of Delegates reads as follows: "Resolved, that MSMA support the expansion of medical coverage as allowable under the Affordable Care Act to cover uninsured Mississippians under the age of 65."

WHEREAS, many experts perceive that Mississippi's lack of expansion of Medicaid has had and will have significant financial and quality harm to the health system of the state; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that our MSMA educate our state's political leadership on the negative impact of significant cuts and the change to block grants vs. the match on the national Medicaid program for our state; and

RESOLVED, that the MSMA to bring to AMA a resolution which stresses the tragic impact of federal cuts to the Medicaid budget and its profound negative impact on the health of Mississippians and other poor and rural states across the country.

RESOLVED, that Resolution 12 as adopted by the 2016 House of Delegates which supports the expansion of medical coverage as allowable under federal policy be reaffirmed and that our MSMA openly oppose any Congressional legislation which decreases medical coverage as currently available in the United States; and

RESOLVED, that our MSMA immediately evaluate the positive and negative impacts of states which expanded Medicaid and those which did not in a comprehensive manner to explore ways to improve medical coverage for all Mississippians.