

RESOLUTION 4 – 06A

Title: Alter Michigan Department of Community Health
"Complications of Pregnancy" Hospital Worksheet Form

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House Action:

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Development Section uses the term "fetal distress" as a term under section 34. COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY (Hospital Worksheet Form DCH-0486E (6/04)), and

Whereas, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) states in ACOG Committee Opinion # 326, December 2005, that "The Committee on Obstetric Practice is concerned about the continued use of the term "fetal distress" as an antepartum or intrapartum diagnosis and the term "birth asphyxia" as a neonatal diagnosis. The Committee reaffirms that the term fetal distress is imprecise and nonspecific. The communication between clinicians caring for the woman and those caring for her neonate is best served by replacing the term fetal distress with "nonreassuring fetal status," followed by a further description of findings (eg, repetitive variable decelerations, fetal tachycardia or bradycardia, late decelerations, or low biophysical profile). Also, the term birth asphyxia is a nonspecific diagnosis and should not be used," and

Whereas, this ACOG opinion is supported by the Michigan Section, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with state government and/or seek legislation to replace the term "fetal distress" in all official state of Michigan forms and publications with the term "nonreassuring fetal status" followed by space for further description of findings consistent with current scientific and medical terminology; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with state government and/or seek legislation to change the title of section 34 of the Hospital Worksheet Form DCH-0486E (6/04) from "Complications of Labor and/or Delivery" to "Perinatal Events" to better reflect the contents of that section.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE