

**RESOLUTION 80 – 06A**

**Title:** HIPAA Policy Revision Clause

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**Referred to:** Reference Committee A

**House Action:**

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Whereas, 65 percent of notification of privacy practice documents studied throughout the nation were written beyond 12th grade reading level, & 90 percent fell in a “difficult range of reading ease,” (see Watfish S & Watkins KM. Evaluation & the Health Professions. 2005 Dec; 28 (4): 479-86. Atlanta Center For Cognitive Therapy & Georgia State University. Atlanta), and

Whereas, there has been at least one fully documented suicide attempt due to a misinterpretation of a HIPAA privacy notification (see Gleason OC & Yates WR. Suicide attempt due to a misunderstood HIPAA notice. The American Journal of Psychiatry. 2004 Feb; 161 (2): 374.), and

Whereas, a study commissioned by the American Hospital Association estimated the average cost of HIPAA training at \$16 per employee, and the average total cost of compliance ranging from \$670,000 to \$3.7 million per hospital fundraising also has been subsequently hindered because physicians need to obtain authorization from patients for information release to development officers (see Kilbridge P. The cost of HIPAA compliance. NEJM. Boston: Apr 10, 2003. 348 (15): 1423-1425); therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to make efforts to revise HIPAA in order to reduce the undue burden the current policy places on health care workers and patients.

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**