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3 **Title: Abuse of e-Medicine**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**
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11 **House Action: Adopted**
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14 **Whereas, e-Medicine is increasingly becoming an effective tool to assist in**
15 **the care of patients in many fields of medicine, and**
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17 **Whereas, there are several programs such as pingmd that are effective tools**
18 **for telephone triage but neither diagnose nor treat patients, and**
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20 **Whereas, www.virtuwell.com, as described in the Detroit Free Press on**
21 **January 21, 2013, takes e-Medicine to a different level by separating the diagnosis**
22 **of certain diseases from physical examination, and**
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24 **Whereas, this approach brings up ethical as well as practical concerns, and**
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26 **Whereas, this corporation is attempting to have their practice reimbursable**
27 **by Blue Cross Blue Shield and other insurers; therefore be it**
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29 **RESOLVED: That MSMS form a task force of primary care physicians and**
30 **specialists to investigate the ethical and legal concerns of practicing e-medicine**
31 **without the establishment of a physician/patient relationship; and be it further**
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33 **RESOLVED: That MSMS consult with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan**
34 **and other insurers to withhold covering e-medicine services absent a**
35 **physician/patient relationship until they are properly reviewed and aired by the**
36 **medical community in this state, specifically MSMS; and be it further**
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38 **RESOLVED: That MSMS, through its Representatives on the Blue Cross**
39 **Blue Shield of Michigan Board, express its concern over e-medicine practices that**
40 **lack a physician/patient relationship; and be it further**
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42 **RESOLVED: That MSMS bring ethical and legal concerns over the practice**
43 **of e-Medicine without an established physician/patient relationship to the various**
44 **state provider oversight and licensing boards.**
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47 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**