

RESOLUTION 26-07A

Title: Wrist Bands/ID Bracelets
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: Adopted

Whereas, hospitals require patients to wear wrist ID bracelets, and

Whereas, there is no uniformity nor standard for these devices, and

Whereas, color coding conveys information unique to its institution (e.g. DNR, no blood transfusion, high risk for falls, allergies), and

Whereas, confusion may exist when patients are transferred from one institution to another wearing their wrist bands, and

Whereas, a yellow band at one institution may be the color for DNR and may represent the standard color at another and this makes for a confusing and dangerous situation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS recommend to the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association that an industry standard common patient identification wrist band be adopted and other designations also be standardized to avoid confusion and promote patient safety.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE