

RESOLUTION 94-07A

Title: Truth In Training and Specialty

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House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, MSMS has historically worked to assure the highest quality of care for the patients of Michigan by opposing unwarranted expansions in the scope of practice of non-physicians, and

Whereas, the physician/patient relationship is predicated on expectation that the nature of the services offered by a physician are services the physician is trained and qualified to perform, and

Whereas, existing laws and regulations do not prohibit physicians from performing services and procedures beyond their level of training, and

Whereas, credentialing committees at hospitals and other facilities have historically played an important role in assuring adequate training prior to the performance of a procedure or service within that facility, and

Whereas, the growing number of services and procedures performed within the physician office that are not under the scrutiny of a credentialing committee has led to the proliferation of titles and certifications from specialties not recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties that are confusing to the public and are misleading regarding the nature and duration of the training of these physicians and other health professions, and

Whereas, physicians have been vocal regarding insufficient training by non-physicians, and should hold a similar level of concern about assuring that physicians are accurately representing their level of training to the public; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek policies, and legislation if necessary, to prohibit physicians and other health professionals from performing procedures and services in an office setting unless they are credentialed or eligible to be credentialed by a hospital or other health facility to perform that procedure or service.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE