

RESOLUTION 25-08A

Title: E-prescribing of Controlled Substances
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: Adopted

Whereas, e-prescribing of patient prescriptions to the pharmacy has been demonstrated to reduce medical errors in the outpatient setting, and

Whereas, 11 percent of prescriptions in the United States are for controlled substance and currently they cannot be electronically sent to the pharmacy (United States DEA), and

Whereas, 2.5 percent of the population abuse prescription medication, and current paper prescriptions are at risk of being stolen, altered, or copied (U.S. DEA), and

Whereas, e-prescribing would allow physicians to know when controlled prescriptions are filled by the pharmacy, and

Whereas, the current system requires the use of two types of prescriptions and may contribute to the slow adoption of e-prescribing, and

Whereas, the technology already exists for secure e-prescribing; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to urge the Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Congress to adopt e-prescribing for controlled substances.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Electronic Prescriptions For controlled Substances (EPCS): Transcript from Public Meeting of the US Drug Enforcement Administration and the US Department of Health and Human Services. July 11, 2006. Available from: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecom/e_rx/mtgs/july2006/index.html