

RESOLUTION 48-08A

Title: Drug Abuse and Relapse Reduction Through Patient Identifiers
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, addiction is a brain disease responsive to multifaceted treatment modalities,¹ and

Whereas, substance abuse is a major health concern and priority in the United States, and

Whereas, innovative substance abuse management modalities may be implemented to reduce the incidence of poor personal, social, and financial outcomes,² and

Whereas, addiction is chronic, progressive, and prone to relapse; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to strongly urge health care providers to take an active role in acknowledging the diagnosis of addiction;-and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask our AMA to partner with organizations such as the American Society of Addiction Medicine to explore the use of medication contracts to monitor the use of prescribed medications in patients with a known history of addiction.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Leshner, Alan. Addiction is a Brain Disease, and It Matters. *Science*, 1997, 278(5335): 45-47.

² National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Health. "Recommendations to Treat Drug Abusers, Save Money, and Reduce Crime." (2006). Available at <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/06/NR7-24.html>.