

RESOLUTION 88-08A

Title: Patients' Right to Take Home Hospital Prescribed Medication

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House Action: Adopted as Amended

Whereas, upon patient discharge, hospital regulations presently require hospital pharmacies to provide patients with medication details, but prohibit hospital pharmacies from giving patients medications, ointments, aerosols, etc., and

Whereas, the cost of hospitalization in the United States is high, and

Whereas, the cost of medications, aerosols, and ointments is high, and

Whereas, because of present hospital regulations, medications, aerosols, and ointments are often disposed of and wasted; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Pharmacists Association and the Michigan Health & Hospital Association to encourage development of a policy that allows patients to take their unused medications with them upon discharge from the hospital, thereby reducing costs and hospital waste.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE