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3 **RESOLUTION 20-09A**
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5 **Title: Reducing Medication Waste From Extended Care Facilities**
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7 **Introduced by: Pino D. Colone, MD, for the Genesee County Delegation**
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11 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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13 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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16 **Whereas, costs of prescription medications continue to escalate, and**
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18 **Whereas, many people, especially those on fixed incomes, the less**
19 **fortunate and seniors, have to choose between medications and food, and**
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21 **Whereas, Michigan Department of Community Health Bureau of Health**
22 **Professions 2006/2007 Promulgated Rules R 338.472 states: “Exempts from the**
23 **prohibition of returning or reselling prescription drugs that have been dispensed**
24 **and left the control of a pharmacist those pharmacies that are operated by or**
25 **under contract with the Department of Corrections or a county jail, as provided in**
26 **Section 17766d of the Public Health Code,” and**
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28 **Whereas, MCL 333.17780 “Cancer drug repository program,” states that**
29 **cancer drugs may be donated under certain circumstances including, in part,**
30 **“The policies must also specify the manner in which a Michigan licensed**
31 **pharmacist, who is employed by or under contract with a cancer drug repository,**
32 **will determine that the donated drugs or supplies meet all of the following**
33 **requirements of the statute:**

- 34 • **that the drug’s expiration date is at least six months later than the date**
35 **the drug was donated;**
- 36 • **that the drug is in the original manufacturer’s unopened, tamper-evident,**
37 **unit dose packaging that includes a lot number and expiration date;**
- 38 • **that the drug has not been adulterated or misbranded; and,**
- 39 • **that the person making the donation or the person’s authorized**
40 **representative affirms, with a signature on the cancer drug repository**
41 **form, which is required under MCL 333.17780(3), that the donated drugs**
42 **and supplies were properly stored, never opened, never used, never**
43 **tampered with, and not adulterated or misbranded,” and**
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45 **Whereas, since it is overly onerous to do otherwise, extended care facilities**
46 **discard all unused medications of expired patients, regardless of whether the**
47 **medications are in sealed, unopened blister packs or have not reached their**
48 **expiration dates, and**

49 **Whereas, studies have demonstrated levels of prescription medications in**
50 **ground water due to their presence in household waste, landfills and waste water,**
51 **and**

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53 **Whereas, not discarding safe, unopened, unexpired medications would**
54 **have multiple benefits, including cost savings, assisting the less fortunate, and**
55 **decreasing the environmental impact; therefore be it**

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57 **RESOLVED: That MSMS work with appropriate agencies and professional**
58 **associations to develop plans to recover safe, unused, unopened, and unexpired**
59 **medications.**

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61 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work**
62 **with appropriate agencies and professional associations to develop plans to**
63 **recover safe, unused, unopened, and unexpired medications.**

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