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3 **RESOLUTION 62-09A**
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5 **Title: Use of Image-Guided Techniques in Chronic Pain**
6 **Management**
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13 **Referred to: Reference Committee B**
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15 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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18 **Whereas, chronic pain management is the diagnosis and treatment of**
19 **chronic, persistent pain, and pain management blocks often necessitate the use**
20 **of image-guided techniques such a fluoroscopy, ultrasound, and CT, and**
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22 **Whereas, physicians are being trained in advanced interventional**
23 **techniques in residency and fellowship to better serve the chronic pain**
24 **community, and**
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26 **Whereas, nurse anesthetists and non-physicians have expanded into an**
27 **area, interventional pain management, where they have not traditionally**
28 **practiced or have been trained, and**
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30 **Whereas, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists acknowledges**
31 **that there are no guidelines for assessing the competency, skill sets, abilities, or**
32 **training needed for nurse anesthetists to begin performing interventional pain**
33 **management procedures, and**
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35 **Whereas, interventional pain management is devoted to the diagnosis and**
36 **treatment of chronic pain through the use of techniques including, but not**
37 **limited to, ablation of targeted nerves, precise placement of needles and drugs**
38 **into targeted areas such as the epidural space and the spinal column, and**
39 **include such surgical techniques as discectomy, intrathecal infusion pumps,**
40 **and spinal cord stimulators, and**
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42 **Whereas, the consequence of lack of adequate training, improper**
43 **technique, or improper placement can result in paralysis, abscess, hematoma,**
44 **infections, and even death, and**

45 Whereas, other states have limited by legislature or judiciary, the practice
46 of interventional pain management to physicians, and
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48 Whereas, nurse anesthetists performing procedures in the operating room
49 to treat pain related to surgery under the direct supervision of a physician is
50 distinct from chronic pain, and
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52 Whereas, there are non-physicians in Michigan performing interventional
53 techniques with fluoroscopy in outpatient setting and offices, and
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55 Whereas, interventional techniques utilizing image guidance are within the
56 scope practice of physicians, and not within the scope of practice of nurse
57 anesthetists or non-physicians; therefore be it
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59 **RESOLVED:** That image guided interventional chronic pain management
60 be recognized by MSMS as the practice of medicine; and be it further
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62 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS seek state legislation, as necessary, that would
63 make it unlawful to practice interventional pain management with image-guided
64 techniques (i.e. fluoroscopy, ultrasound, or CT) unless such a person is a
65 medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine.
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68 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**