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3 **Title: National Master Patient Identifier**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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11 **House Action: Adopted**

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14 **Whereas, efficiency and accuracy of patient record keeping in health**
15 **care is key to quality care and cost containment, and**

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17 **Whereas, the plethora of medical records numbers used across health**
18 **care providers and arenas of care creates confusion, inefficiency, and patient**
19 **safety risks, and**

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21 **Whereas, the creation of a unified, longitudinal medical record will be**
22 **dependent upon integrating patient identifiers from multiple systems, and**

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24 **Whereas, such integration will require the existence of a master patient**
25 **identifier to which such records can be mapped, and**

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27 **Whereas, the time to create such a master patient identifier specification**
28 **should precede integrating into a national health record keeping system, and**

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30 **Whereas, a single National Provider Identifier (NPI number) system has**
31 **already been created for physicians and may be seen as a precedent for**
32 **unified patient and provider identification; therefore be it**

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34 **RESOLVED: That MSMS formally state its support for initiatives to**
35 **develop a National Master Patient Identifier; and be it further**

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37 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support and initiate the development of a**
38 **National Patient Identifier by advocating for such a system at the state and**
39 **national level through the Information Technology Committee; and be it**
40 **further**

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42 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to**
43 **formalize the position of organized medicine to support and initiate the**
44 **creation of a National Master Patient Identifier.**

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47 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**