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RESOLUTION 14-10A

Title: Mandate Professional Librarians in Hospitals

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Referred to: Reference Committee E

House Action: No Action

Whereas, the library serves as the primary department responsible for developing systems and services to meet the knowledge-based information needs of the organization^{1, 2}, and

Whereas, the Joint Commission suggests access to knowledge-based information is one of the four primary components of the information management requirements for a hospital or health system; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work with the Joint Commission to include the availability of professional librarians in hospitals as a necessary precondition for Joint Commission credentialing.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Gluck et al. Standards for hospital libraries 2002 J Med Libr Assoc. 2002 October; 90(4): 465–472.

² Hospital Libraries Section Standards Committee. Standards for hospital libraries 2007. J Med Libr Assoc. 2008 April; 96(2): 162–169.