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3 **Title: Redefine “Meaningful Use” of Electronic Health Records**  
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6 **Section**  
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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
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12 **House Action: Adopted**  
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15 **Whereas, the federal government has earmarked up to \$44,000 over five years**  
16 **for the “meaningful use” of a certified health information system for physicians who**  
17 **treat Medicare patients under the Health Information and Clinical Health Act**  
18 **(HITECH) as a part of 2009 federal stimulus law<sup>1</sup>, and**  
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20 **Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently**  
21 **issued<sup>2</sup> proposed explanations of the “meaningful use” such as using computerized**  
22 **entry for 80 percent of all patient orders, electronic prescribing for 75 percent of all**  
23 **prescriptions, inclusion of at least 50 percent of laboratory results in the electronic**  
24 **health record, etc, to be achieved in the first stage that begins in 2011, and**  
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26 **Whereas, such high targets would be difficult to achieve by the mostly solo or**  
27 **small practices in rural/semi-urban settings, and**  
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29 **Whereas, there is no ideal electronic health record yet and systems are still**  
30 **evolving up to their maximum potential; therefore be it**  
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32 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work**  
33 **with the federal government and the Department of Health and Human Services to**  
34 **set realistic targets for meaningful use of electronic health records such as**  
35 **percentage of computerized order entry, electronic prescribing, and percentage of**  
36 **inclusion of laboratory values; and be it further**  
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38 **RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to work**  
39 **with the federal government and Department of Health and Human Services to**  
40 **postpone the adoption period of electronic health records (EHR) to 2012 and provide**  
41 **more than 50 percent of the total incentives during the first year of implementing the**  
42 **EHR.**  
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45 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

<sup>1</sup> The HITECH act. <http://www.impac.com/hitech-act.html> Accessed on February 27, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Health and Human Services. Health information Technology for the Future of Health Care. Meaningful Use. <http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1325&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=1&ode=2> Accessed on February 27, 2010.