

RESOLUTION 79-10A

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3 **Title: Misuse of Physician Identifiers**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee A**
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11 **House Action: Adopted**
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14 **Whereas, identity theft is a serious concern nationwide, potentially affecting**
15 **anyone, and**

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17 **Whereas, health care fraud is a growing problem, affecting health care costs**
18 **for everyone, and**

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20 **Whereas, diversion of prescription drugs is a recognized law enforcement**
21 **and public health problem, and**

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23 **Whereas, physicians are routinely asked to provide unique identifiers such**
24 **as their Drug Enforcement Administration and National Provider Identification**
25 **numbers on written forms, electronic media, as well by phone and fax, and**

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27 **Whereas, physicians are often asked to provide their Social Security**
28 **numbers as well, and**

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30 **Whereas, the potential risk from these transactions resulting in misuse of**
31 **those identifiers is apparent, and the physician may have no way to be aware of**
32 **such misuse, and**

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34 **Whereas, the American Medical Association has expressed similar**
35 **concerns and has been participating with the federal government on measures to**
36 **reduce health care fraud¹; therefore be it**

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38 **RESOLVED: That MSMS continue to support the AMA's efforts to reduce**
39 **health care fraud, and specifically suggest the development of a means for**
40 **physicians to query federal databases to review what is being billed against their**
41 **National Provider Identification or Unique Physician Identification Numbers,**
42 **including establishment of methods to report known or suspected misuse of these**
43 **identifiers; and be it further**

44 **RESOLVED: That MSMS propose to the Michigan Department of**
45 **Community Health and/or the state legislature that the Michigan Automated**
46 **Prescription System program be modified to allow physicians to screen for**
47 **prescriptions that are written using their Drug Enforcement Administration**
48 **numbers including establishment of methods to report known or suspected**
49 **misuse; and be it further**

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51 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support measures to limit use of Drug**
52 **Enforcement Administration and Social Security numbers as identifiers unless**
53 **clearly required.**

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ "AMA Provides Recommendations To Reduce Health Care Fraud" Press Release, AMA Jan 28, 2010.
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/news/health-care-fraud-summit.shtml>