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3 **Title:** Formulary Changes in the Technological Era
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9 **Referred to:** Reference Committee A
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11 **House Action:**

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14 **Whereas, health insurance companies often change their formularies**
15 **with no or incomplete notification sent to physicians, and**

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17 **Whereas, physicians often learn of the changes in formularies when a**
18 **pharmacist sends notification with an unfilled patient prescription or when a**
19 **patient presents a note to the physician from the health insurance company,**
20 **and**

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22 **Whereas, neither pharmacies or patients are provided with or have**
23 **access to the approved formulary medications to communicate to physicians,**
24 **and**

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26 **Whereas, changing a medication to meet formulary changes is a time-**
27 **consuming process with no billing code to compensate the physician for the**
28 **chart review, medical decision, and potential liability involved with making**
29 **these changes, and**

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31 **Whereas, the formularies could be made readily available via faxed**
32 **information or via an easily-accessible web site by each health insurance**
33 **company; therefore be it**

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35 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the Michigan Health Insurance**
36 **Commissioner to require all health insurance companies to provide easy**
37 **access to their formularies via a web site which can be accessed by patients,**
38 **pharmacists, and physicians and to include the acceptable formulary**
39 **alternative medications with any mailed/faxed information about formulary**
40 **changes.**

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