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Title: Physician Awareness and Education About Pharmaceutical and Biological Risk Evaluation and Mitigation

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Referred to: Reference Committee E

House Action: Adopted.

Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration requires pharmaceutical and biological manufacturers to develop and maintain Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Programs for many pharmaceutical and biological agents, and

Whereas, pharmaceutical and biological Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Programs may require physicians to obtain and document completion of specific educational programs, provision of specific patient education materials, and/or obtaining specific informed consent prior to prescribing specific agents, as well as documenting specific monitoring of ongoing treatment, and

Whereas, many physicians remain unaware of pharmaceutical and biological Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Programs, and

Whereas, e-prescribing and point of care reference tools may not enumerate the full content and requirements of the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Program for a given pharmaceutical or biological agent, and

Whereas, failure to comply with each requirement of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Program may adversely affect patient safety and increase physician liability risk; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Michigan State Medical Society work with the pharmaceutical and biological industries to increase physician awareness of Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Programs as a means to improve patient safety; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the AMA to work with the pharmaceutical and biological industries to increase physician awareness of Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Programs as a means to improve patient safety; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS ask the AMA to work with the e-prescribing and point of care resource industries to increase physician awareness of Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Programs as a means to improve patient safety by including current Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Program information in their products.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE