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Title: Resolution Advocating Required CME on Vaccine Issues
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: Adopted as Amended.

Whereas, vaccines against infectious diseases have greatly reduced mortality and morbidity from serious infections for over 50 years, and

Whereas, vaccines are cost effective, and the United States currently has the safest and most effective vaccine supply in history yet vaccine rates, particularly for adolescents and adults, remain far below the National Health People Goals of 2020, and

Whereas, many parents are refusing vaccines because of unscientific and misleading information, and many physicians have become ambivalent in ensuring proper immunization information and completion of recommended vaccines, and

Whereas, persons who received professional vaccination advice within the past five years were more frequently vaccinated, and private physicians were identified as the most important source for vaccination; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS, in cooperation with the Center for Disease Control, infectious disease experts, third party payers, Michigan Health and Hospital Association and Medicaid Administration, develop an on-line CME activity for physicians and other healthcare providers that reviews vaccine preventable diseases, epidemiology, vaccine guidelines, and evidence based responses to common anti-vaccine sentiments, along with tools for staff and patient education and support, that will be required for certifications, privileging and other mandatory credentialing, as appropriate for the physician’s specialty.

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