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Title: Standardize Estate Planning for Hospice Patients

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House Action: No Action.

Whereas, hospice care addresses physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of dying patients¹, and

Whereas, patients without last wills and testaments may have their estate turned over to probate courts, and

Whereas, families are further burdened by a patient’s death when the estate is placed into the probate courts; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with appropriate stakeholders to encourage hospice care providers to address with patients and/or families of patients embarking on hospice care the importance of resolving any outstanding estate planning issues including those issues pertaining to last wills and testaments.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2940_3183_4895-19878--,00.html