

**RESOLUTION 17-15**

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3 Title: Allergy List Versus Intolerances/Side Effects List  
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee E  
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11 House Action: **DISAPPROVED**  
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14 Whereas, medications which cause an allergic reaction are listed in the medical  
15 chart under the heading of “Allergies,” and  
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17 Whereas, medications which cause an intolerance or a side effect do not have a  
18 separate listing area in the medical chart, leading to their listing under the heading of  
19 “Allergies” as well, and  
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21 Whereas, allergic reactions and intolerances/side effects carry a significantly  
22 different connotation regarding the risk of taking these medications, and  
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24 Whereas, the specific reaction to these medications is often not entered, is lost, or  
25 is misconstrued by patients, leading to the non-use of these medications to avoid the  
26 presumed allergic reaction, and  
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28 Whereas, a lengthy “allergy” list with no listed reactions can severely limit  
29 treatment options for the patient, particularly for antibiotic choices; therefore be it  
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31 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS work with appropriate state and local stakeholders,  
32 including Michigan’s six medical schools, to develop and distribute education regarding  
33 the need for a clear division in the “Allergy” section of the medical chart, distinguishing  
34 allergic reactions from intolerances/side effects of medications; and be it further  
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36 **RESOLVED:** That the American Medical Association work with appropriate  
37 national stakeholders to develop and distribute education regarding the need for a clear  
38 division in the “Allergy” section of the medical chart, distinguishing allergic reactions from  
39 intolerances/side effects of medications.  
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42 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** None