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Title: Playing in the Sandbox Together
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, the growth of health care systems and use of electronic health records have led to more fragmentation in health care and less interaction among health care providers, and

Whereas, medical malpractice continues to be a substantial concern among practicing physicians, and

Whereas, poorly chosen, spoken, or written words can be misinterpreted by patients and their families, and

Whereas, poorly chosen, spoken, or written words are often repeatedly documented in the electronic chart with note repetition and can be difficult to defend in a litigation case, even if the words are inaccurate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS endeavors to educate physicians and other health care providers about the importance of careful and accurate verbal discussions and written documentation of care provided; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourages physicians to demonstrate and maintain high ethical standards to avoid inadvertently discrediting other physicians or other health care providers; thereby, leading by example so that resident physicians and medical students can learn in a supportive environment while providing excellent care for our mutual patients; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS dedicate an article in Michigan Medicine to educate physicians and other health care providers about the importance of careful and accurate verbal discussions and written documentation of care provided; and to have MSMS Legal Counsel discuss the relationship of medical liability cases to miscommunication.

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