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Title: Liquid Medication Dosing
Introduced by: Robert Levine, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, there is a significant risk of dosing error with pediatric medications, and

Whereas, dosing cups, which are commonly supplied with pediatric medications, can increase the risk of dosing errors, and

Whereas, listing dosing instructions on labels in both milliliter and teaspoon volumes may increase the risk of dosing error, and

Whereas, the American Academy of Pediatrics in a 2015 policy statement supported expressing dosing only in milliliters; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS adopt policy supporting liquid medication dosing be expressed only in metric system values; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS adopt policy supporting the provision of dosing syringes with all liquid medications whether prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS seek legislation that would require pharmacies to provide liquid dosing syringes, as well as face-to-face counseling and general education about the importance and proper use of a standard dosing syringe; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to seek rules from the US Food and Drug Administration requiring that all liquid over-the-counter medications have dosing listed only in milliliters and to have appropriate dosing syringes provided with all liquid medication.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE