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Title: Addiction Medicine Continuing Medical Education
Introduced by: Domenic Federico, MD, for the Kent County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared an opioid epidemic in the US, and

Whereas, sales of opioid prescription medications in the US have quadrupled since 1999, and

Whereas, there are only 134 board-certified Addiction Medicine specialists and only four fellowship-trained Addiction Medicine specialists in the state of Michigan, and

Whereas, in 52 percent of overdose deaths in the state of Michigan involving prescription opioids, the deceased had a prescription for opioids filled within 30 days prior to death, and

Whereas, the state of Michigan is in the top quartile for opioid prescriptions written per person, and

Whereas, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs has recently determined that beginning December 6, 2017, all physicians are required to complete a minimum of three hours of continuing medical education in the area of pain and symptom management; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS lobby the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to require one hour of the three hours required in the area of pain and symptom management to address the recognition and management of the disease of addiction and/or chemical dependency.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Pain Management and Hospice Education

MSMS recommends and promotes effective education in pain management and/or hospice care for physicians and medical students. (Res69-93A)

Pain Management Education and CME Credit

MSMS supports the concept of requiring physicians to be educated in pain management techniques but opposes mandating this type of education through CME credit.
(Board-March94)
– Reaffirmed (Board-Oct05)