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Title: Make MOC Voluntary

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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, the concept of board certification and maintenance of certification (MOC) have not been shown to improve quality of care, and

Whereas, board certification companies are independent entities with no legal mandate to exist, set their own rules, and choose their own leadership, and

Whereas, programs developed by these private companies are often expensive and involuntary due to the need of Michigan doctors to participate in them, and

Whereas, House Bills 4134 and 4135 were introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives on January 31, 2017, and

Whereas, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, and MSMS are all unified in their support of legislation making MOC truly voluntary; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS leadership collaborate closely with the Michigan Osteopathic Association and Michigan Podiatric Medical Association to support the passage of legislation by the Michigan Legislature to make maintenance of certification voluntary.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Review Board Recertification and Maintenance of Certification Process

MSMS supports Maintenance of Certification (MOC) only under all of the following circumstances:

1. MOC must be voluntary
2. MOC must not be a condition of licensure, hospital privileges, health plan participation, or any other function unrelated to the specialty board requiring MOC
3. MOC should not be the monopoly of any single entity. Physicians should be able to access a range of alternatives from different entities.
4. The status of MOC should be revisited by MSMS if it is identified that the continuous review of physician competency is objectively determined to be a benefit for patients. If that benefit is determined to be present by objective data regarding value and efficacy, then MSMS should support the adoption of an evidence based process that serves only to improve patient care.

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