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Title: Opioid Prescribing Exemptions for Advanced Cancer Patients
Introduced by: Anup Lal, MD, for the St. Clair County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

Whereas, the State of Michigan has introduced new laws regarding the prescribing of opioids,
and

Whereas, patients with advanced cancers will be facing obstacles to obtain required
medications for symptom relief; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Legislature to exempt patients with advanced
and end-stage cancers with pain from the stringent requirements for prescribing opioids.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Appropriate End of Life Therapy

MSMS will continue to work at all levels for improved pain management and symptom control.
MSMS will continue education on recognition of depression and its adequate therapy.
MSMS will continue to promote advance directives.
MSMS will continue support for hospice including education about hospice and the use of hospice care. (Res94-97A)

Compassionate Care and Comfort Guidelines

MSMS adopts the Compassionate Care and Comfort Guidelines as being in compliance with the standards of care. See Addendum A in website version. (Res86-95A)