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Title: Physician Assistant Continuing Education
Introduced by: Barry Auster, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee E
House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

Whereas, because of the shortage in primary care physicians, physician assistants are assuming a larger role in direct patient care, and

Whereas, the number of physician assistants has increased significantly in the last decade, and

Whereas, there are at least six training programs for physician assistants in Michigan, and

Whereas, there is currently no requirement for continuing medical education (CME) for physician assistants in the Michigan Public Health Code or Michigan Administrative Code, and

Whereas, nurses are required to complete 25 hours of CME in the prior two years including two CME credits in pain management for licensure, and

Whereas, physicians are currently required to complete one credit of CME in medical ethics; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs that physician assistants should minimally be required to complete the same continuing medical education requirements as nurses for licensure renewal; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs that physician assistants and nurses be required to complete one credit of continuing medical education in medical ethics as a condition of licensure renewal.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant MSMS Policy: None