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Title: Licensure for Medical Assistants  
Introduced by: Barry Auster, MD, for the Oakland County Delegation  
Original Author: Barry Auster, MD  
Referred to: Reference Committee B  
House Action: **DISAPPROVED**

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Whereas, medical assistants are not currently licensed or regulated by the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, the national certification exam for medical assistants is not mandatory nor required for employment in the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, Michigan Compiled Law 333.16215 is non-specific as to what tasks are delegable to medical assistants, and

Whereas, numerous other associated medical fields (e.g., estheticians, electrologists, physician’s assistants, nurses and midwives, etc.) are licensed and regulated by the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, there has been a marked increase in medical assistants performing medical procedures beyond their scope of training, and

Whereas, this is an issue of public safety; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the licensure and regulation of medical assistants in Michigan; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports oversight of medical assistants under the auspices of the Michigan Board of Medicine and the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and that each Board delineate what tasks may be delegable to a medical assistant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports certification and periodic recertification be mandatory for medical assistants.

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$1,000 or more for costs related to the adoption of new or revised MSMS or AMA policy.

**Relevant MSMS Policy:**

Health Profession Boards Need to Protect Patients  
MSMS opposes efforts by licensing boards of non physicians to establish their own scope of practice, and expansion in nonphysicians scope of practice may only occur with approval of the Boards of Medicine, the respective non-physician licensing board, and the Legislature. (Res20-12)

**Relevant AMA Policy:** None