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3 Title: Electronic Prescribing Waiver for Michigan’s Free Clinics
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9 Referred To: Reference Committee B
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
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14 Whereas, there are 57 free clinics for patients who obtain medical care from non-profit
15 charitable medical clinics mostly because they do not have health insurance in Michigan, and
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17 Whereas, approximately one-third of these clinics, have not had sufficient funds to switch to
18 electronic medical records, and
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20 Whereas, these clinics are largely run with all volunteer personnel and are financed by
21 donations and the occasional grant, and
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23 Whereas, many clinics are open less than 25 hours per week, and
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25 Whereas, some volunteer retired physician personnel have resigned from these clinics
26 rather than learn a (or another) medical records system, and
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28 Whereas, patients generally shop multiple pharmacies to find the least expensive source for
29 their medications thus requiring additional valuable staff time to discontinue electronic
30 prescriptions sent to pharmacies in order to support patients’ efforts to source their medication at
31 a lower price, perhaps having found it at an alternative pharmacy; therefore be it
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33 RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the Free Clinics of Michigan in asking the Michigan
34 Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the Michigan Board of Pharmacy to
35 change the initial proposed language of Michigan Administrative Code Section R, 338.3162a
36 (5)(a)(v), not yet posted for public comment, to allow a waiver for non-profit charitable medical
37 clinics excusing them from being required to submit all prescriptions for non-controlled substances
38 to pharmacies in electronic form.
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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: Resolutions requesting governmental advocacy -
\$25,000+

STATEMENT OF URGENCY: The business of the MSMS HOD addresses issues of physicians from all
over Michigan, in a timely fashion, to improve the delivery of care, patient care issues and
important policy and legislative issues affecting our members. Listening to the voice of physicians is
paramount in organized medicine and is why many of our members participate at the county and
state levels. Physician authors have taken the time during this busy and stressful time to articulate
the issues. It is time to get back to the business of medicine for the sake of over-stressed

colleagues and their patients to address what is important to them, our members. The result can be improved transparency, updated physicians, or improved issues that affect patients in Michigan and/or across the country.

Relevant MSMS Policy:

None

Relevant AMA Policy:

None