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3 Title: Fentanyl Patch for Patch Exchange Program

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9 Referred To:

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11 House Action:

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14 Whereas, fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid analgesic and 50-100 times more potent
15 than morphine, and

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17 Whereas, fentanyl is a Schedule II prescription drug, and it is typically used to treat patients
18 with severe pain or to manage pain after surgery, and

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20 Whereas, roughly 28,400 people died from overdose of synthetic opiates, other than
21 methadone, in 2017 alone, and

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23 Whereas, Michigan's overdose rate of 21.2 per 100,000 is above the national average of 14.6
24 per 100,000, and

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26 Whereas, synthetic opioids, mainly fentanyl, overdose deaths have increased in Michigan
27 from 72 in 2012 to 1,368 in 2017, and

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29 Whereas, Ontario, Canada, has instituted a successful patch for patch (P4P) exchange
30 program, and

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32 Whereas, a key component of the Ontario P4P program includes the labeling of a new
33 fentanyl prescription as a first prescription, and

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35 Whereas, this action will result in a onetime return of 9 out of 10 patches, and

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37 Whereas, the returned patches should be stuck to a sheet of paper and turned into the
38 pharmacist when getting a new prescription, and

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40 Whereas, if a pharmacy receives a prescription for fentanyl patches but does not collect all
41 used patches or collects fewer than the quantity to be dispensed, the pharmacy must contact the
42 prescriber, and

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44 Whereas, this enables the pharmacist, together with the prescriber, to make an assessment,
45 consider the circumstances, and determine the best course of action and the quantity to be
46 dispensed, and

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48 Whereas, it is the responsibility of the pharmacist to properly store and dispose of used
49 patches, as well as contacting appropriate law enforcement if there is suspected counterfeiting,
50 misuse, and/or tampering; therefore be it
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52 RESOLVED: That MSMS supports and shall propose a fentanyl “patch for patch” (P4P)
53 exchange program in the state of Michigan modeled after the successful P4P program
54 implemented in Ontario, Canada; and be it further
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56 RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate the Michigan Legislature adopt a fentanyl “patch for
57 patch” exchange program in Michigan modeled after the successful P4P program implemented in
58 Ontario, Canada.
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61 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: Resolutions requesting governmental advocacy -
62 \$25,000+
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Relevant MSMS Policy:

Prescription Drug Abuse

MSMS supports the following AMA position on “Curtailing Prescription Drug Abuse While Preserving Therapeutic Use – Recommendations for Drug Control Policy:”

“Our AMA (1) opposes expansion of multiple-copy prescription programs to additional states or classes of drugs because of their documented ineffectiveness in reducing prescription drug abuse, and their adverse effect on the availability of prescription medications for therapeutic use; (2) supports continued efforts to address the problems of prescription drug diversion and abuse through physician education, research activities, and efforts to assist state medical societies in developing proactive programs; and (3) encourages further research into development of reliable outcome indicators for assessing the effectiveness of measures proposed to reduce prescription drug abuse.

Relevant AMA Policy:

Curtailing Prescription Drug Abuse While Preserving Therapeutic Use - Recommendations for Drug Control Policy H-95.979 (see language above)