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3 Title: Stop Continuous CME Mandates
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9 Referred To: Reaffirmation Calendar
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11 House Action: **REAFFIRMED**
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14 Whereas, the definition of continuing medical education (CME) is “the process by which
15 physicians and other health professionals engage in activities designed to support their continuing
16 professional development,” and
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18 Whereas, all physicians must adhere to multiple educational credentialing mandates
19 through their specialty boards and societies, and
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21 Whereas, all physicians must meet state board of medicine requirements to maintain a
22 license to practice in Michigan, and
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24 Whereas, Michigan has one of the highest CME requirements compared to other states in
25 our country, and
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27 Whereas, the state and payers continue to add new mandates regarding CME for physicians
28 poorly correlative with value to patient care by physicians, and
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30 Whereas, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan added a required implicit bias training
31 mandate in 2020 for primary care physicians connected to loss of reimbursement if not fulfilled,
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34 Whereas, this was done in response to unequal societal COVID-19 disease effect but after
35 state law that uncoupled maintenance of certification with payor credentialing and reimbursement,
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38 Whereas, MSMS has developed CME opportunities and educational training on implicit bias
39 and racial inequities, and
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41 Whereas, new CME mandates arising now are adding to the clinical burden of caring for
42 patients and to the current economic struggle of clinical practice in the time of the COVID-19
43 pandemic, and
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45 Whereas, MSMS and the AMA are here to support patient care such that physicians are not
46 overburdened by credentialing criteria and MSMS readily responds to changes in the educational
47 needs of its physicians as challenges and new credentialing needs arise; therefore be it

48 RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Board of Medicine and Board of
49 Osteopathic Medicine to stop CME mandates by Michigan legislators and payers such that the
50 physicians are able to self-credential and focus on caring for patients.
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53 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None

STATEMENT OF URGENCY: New CME requirements have come out during COVID-19, time is of the essence.

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Opposition to Compulsory Content of Mandated Continuing Medical Education

MSMS opposes any attempt to introduce compulsory content of mandated Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the state of Michigan. (Res67-07A) - Reaffirmed (Sunset Report 2020)

Relevant AMA Policy:

None

Sources:

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