

To: Members, House Health Policy Committee  
From: Adam Carlson, Vice President, Advocacy  
Date: April 29, 2021  
Re: Senate Bill 166  
Position: Support

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The Michigan Health & Hospital Association supports Senate Bill (SB) 166, sponsored by Sen. Curt VanderWall (R-Ludington). This bill would allow Michigan pharmacies to fill non-controlled substance prescriptions written by licensed, out-of-state physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses.

MCL 333.17751 only allows prescriptions from out-of-state physicians, dentists, or veterinarians to be filled within the Michigan border, even though those same providers have prescribing rights within our state. Citizens who live at the state's borders, snowbirds and college students are most impacted by this. The routine of maintenance medication is often disrupted since prescriptions cannot be filled in Michigan if written by an advance practice provider from just outside of our state. Medication adherence is critical for controlling chronic conditions (high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes etc.) and can help prevent adverse, sometimes health-compromising events.

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