Michigan State Medical Society Presentation to the House Health Policy Committee

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The mission of the Michigan State Medical Society is to promote a health care environment that supports physicians in caring for and enhancing the health of Michigan citizens through science, quality, and ethics in the practice of medicine.

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Patient Care

- Amid the various changes to technology, insurance coverage, governmental requirements, it is important to never lose sight of the needs of the patient

- Physicians and other professionals that are actually in the exam room see firsthand how policies translate into improved care, confusion, or create unnecessary barriers to care

Economic Impact

- Total Output: In Michigan, physicians created a total of $37.0B in direct and indirect economic output. On average, each physician supported $1,571,547 in output.
- Jobs: Physicians supported 259,537 jobs (including their own), the total of direct and indirect positions. On average, each physician supported 11.04 jobs.
- Wages and Benefits: Physicians contributed $20,717.9M in direct and indirect wages and benefits for all supported jobs. On average, each physician supported $880,901 in total wages and benefits.
- Tax Revenues: Physicians supported $1,419.0M in local and state tax revenues in 2012. On average, each physician supported $60,336 in local and state tax revenues.

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Positives

- Medicaid Expansion
- GME Funding
- Stable Professional Liability Climate

Challenges

- Medical School Debt
- Physician Shortage/Underserved Communities
- Regulatory Changes
  - MACRA
  - Meaningful Use
  - PQRS
  - ICD-10
- Unnecessary Certification Requirements
- Administrative Complexity
  - Prior Authorization
  - Formularies
  - Quality Measures
- Coverage Changes
  - High deductibles/cost sharing
  - Variability of benefit design

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Practice Sustainability

- The pressures of navigating the rapid pace of change while not sacrificing the quality of care to the patient is the challenge
  - Nationwide, the rate of burnout among physicians is at 54%
  - Physicians report having a satisfactory wok/life balance at significantly lower rates than the workforce generally
  - These doctors are more likely to cut down number of hours worked
  - These doctors are more likely to retire early

Thank you!

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