



Dr. Sengstock Testifies In House Health Policy Committee MPMA Supports Legislation Ending Mandatory Maintenance of Certification in Michigan

This week, MPMA Past-President and current Director of Public Relations, Dr. Jodie Sengstock, testified to the Health Policy Committee in the Michigan House of Representatives. Dr. Sengstock testified in favor of House Bills 5090 and 5091 on behalf of the association.

House Bills 5090 & 5091 would end mandatory Maintenance of Certification (MOC) for MD's, DO's and DPM's in Michigan. Testimony in support was heard from other healthcare associations including the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS), Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA).

Ending MOC has become a hot-button topic in recent years at various state legislatures. Health care providers have become increasingly frustrated with MOC. It's a very costly and very burdensome requirement for providers at a time when doctors are dealing with mounting bureaucratic mandates. Additionally, recent studies have shown that MOC does not correlate with patient care abilities.

Oklahoma became the first state to enact a law aiming to remove MOC as a requirement for physicians to obtain a license, get hired and paid, or secure hospital admitting privileges. Just prior to that, Kentucky's governor signed a more limited measure that prohibits making MOC a condition of licensure.

House bills 5090 and 5091 were introduced by Rep. Ned Canfield who is a practicing Osteopathic Physician. Dr. Canfield is a first term legislator who has also been MPMA's guest at the Great Lakes Conference (GLC).

The legislation was not voted on this week and remains in the Health Policy Committee. MPMA is hopeful the bills will be voted on in committee prior to the summer recess.