

RESOLUTION

Subject: Pharmacy Use of Medication Discontinuation Messaging Function

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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, electronic prescribing of medications has been required as a component of Meaningful Use; and

WHEREAS, electronic prescribing software has the ability to support transmittal of medication discontinuation messages; and

WHEREAS, many pharmacies have elected to not activate this functionality; and

WHEREAS, not using this functionality to its full extent can result in medications being inappropriately continued and dispensed after a prescribing physician or other duly licensed care provider has determined that it should be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, continuation of medications after a physician or other duly licensed care provider has discontinued them can result in patient harm; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association strongly encourage all software providers and those pharmaceutical dispensing organizations that create their own software to include the functionality to accept discontinuation message transmittals in their electronic prescribing software products; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association strongly encourage all dispensing pharmacies, accepting medication prescriptions electronically, to activate the discontinuation message transmittal functionality in their electronic prescribing support software.