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Leading medical groups voice strong support for title transparency bill

Legislation promotes transparency, standards for care that support patient safety

LANSING, Mich. – Leading medical groups in Michigan, including the **Michigan State Medical Society** (MSMS), the **Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists** (MSA) and others today applauded the introduction of a bill in the Michigan House focused on healthcare title transparency.

State Rep. **John Roth**, R-Interlochen, introduced [House Bill 6326](#), which seeks to ensure patients clearly understand the qualifications and training for their healthcare providers. The title transparency bill would require clinicians to use accurate titles that reflect their education and licensing when interacting with patients.

“Medical professionals invest significant time, effort, and expertise to earn their credentials,” Roth said. “In an increasingly complex and competitive healthcare environment, greater transparency serves the best interests of patients and helps them make informed decisions about their care.”

The bill's introduction follows reports from patients who expected to be seen by a physician but were instead treated by different types of healthcare providers. The legislation would address growing confusion about titles used by clinicians or providers in healthcare settings and help patients make informed decisions about their medical care.

“This legislation is about reinforcing the clarity and professional standards patients and providers both rely on,” said Dr. **Phillip Wise**, president of MSMS. “Physicians undergo years of training to earn their title, and patients should never be left guessing about the qualifications of the person providing their care.”

Roth’s bill would also help ensure properly licensed professionals are working with patients, shielding them from unnecessary harm that can result from inexperienced providers delivering services outside of their primary training and abilities.

“Patients have a fundamental right to know exactly who is providing their medical care and what credentials that healthcare provider has,” said Dr. **Matt Dellaquila**, MSA president. “When someone walks into a hospital or other healthcare facility, patients need to know who that person is, what training they have received and if a physician or another healthcare professional is treating them. Transparency is about more than a title. It’s about patient safety at its core.”

Medical organizations supporting this legislation emphasize clear communication about provider credentials benefits both patients and healthcare professionals. This transparency builds trust in the healthcare system as a whole and helps instill confidence in patients’ treatment plans.

Key provisions of the title transparency bill include requiring:

- Healthcare professionals to use titles that accurately portray the depth and breadth of their education and respective licensing
- Patient communications include clear identification of the training and qualifications of a provider
- Standardized disclosures in all healthcare settings to help ensure patients are well-informed and can consent to care with all the information available to them
- Enforcement mechanisms through existing licensing boards for violations

The bill has been formally introduced in the House Health Policy Committee with committee hearings to follow, allowing for stakeholder feedback.