

# 2024 Legislative Session

## Advocacy Report



*The Maryland State Medical Society*



MedChi marked the opening of the 2024 Maryland General Assembly Session with a celebration of our 225th Anniversary. We appreciate the hospitality of the Maryland State House, Senate Chamber, and House Chamber as we celebrated this milestone. It was an auspicious start to a demanding, remarkable, and very successful legislative advocacy season.

### We Have A Lot To Celebrate!

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**MedChi achieved significant victories on behalf of Maryland's physicians, patients, and public health:**

### ✓ REFORMED

Prior authorization to reduce administrative burdens, protect patient health, and create a path forward for future reform

### ✓ SECURED

Funding for Medicaid E&M payments at 100% of Medicare

### ✓ BANNED

Non-compete clauses for physicians earning less than \$350,000 and limited non-compete clauses for physicians making more than \$350,000 to 1 year and to 10 miles from their primary place of employment

### ✓ PREVENTED

A repeal on Maryland's non-economic damages cap, which would have paved the way for a repeal or increase to the medical malpractice cap

### ✓ ESTABLISHED

A home for unmatched medical school graduates with the Bridge to Medical Residency Act

### ✓ ENSHRINED

The concept of the "physician-led team" in Maryland law, a first for the state, and ensured that patient safety was the highest priority in physician assistant scope of practice legislation.

### ✓ EXPANDED

Insurance coverage for breast and lung cancer screening, hearing aids, and prostheses

### ✓ ENSURED

Robust training, testing, competency, and continuing education requirements for individuals performing x-ray duties

### ✓ PROTECTED

Patients from cosmetic procedures performed by unqualified practitioners

**Read our full session report here**

