

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 26-18

INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Public Health Committee
MedChi Student Section
Baltimore City Medical Society

SUBJECT: Transparency by Physician Reviewers for Insurance Formularies

1 Whereas, an Arizona physician serving on a state committee that decides which drugs should be
2 preferred for Medicaid patients, accepted more than \$700,000 in perks and payments from drug
3 makers over four and a half years¹; and
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5 Whereas, the Governor of Arizona recently created new transparency rules for said state
6 committee, including mandatory conflict of interest training, public posting of disclosure forms,
7 required recusal for members with a conflict of interest, required disclosures for any individual
8 providing testimony, and required review of publicly available data on payments by
9 pharmaceutical and medical device companies to physicians²; and
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11 Whereas, physicians who serve on review boards of insurance company formularies have an
12 obligation to serve those beneficiaries, and are therefore under obligation to be transparent about
13 any perceived or real conflicts of interest that arise prior to or during that board service; and
14 therefore be it
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16 Resolved, that MedChi ask our AMA to encourage states to require physicians who serve on
17 formulary review boards to disclose conflicts of interest; and be it further
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19 Resolved, that MedChi ask our AMA to encourage insurance companies to require physicians who
20 serve on formulary review boards to disclose conflicts of interest.
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23 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 22, 2018.

¹<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/07/27/633147755/arizona-governor-takes-steps-to-blunt-industry-influence-on-medicaid>

² *Id.*