

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 30-18

INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Public Health Committee

SUBJECT: Support for a Single-Payer System and AMA Task Force

1 Whereas, a single-payer national health insurance is a system in which a single public or
2 quasi-public agency organizes health care financing, but the delivery of care remains largely in
3 private hands; and
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5 Whereas, under a single-payer system, all residents of the U.S would be covered for all medically
6 necessary services, including doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health,
7 reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs; and
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9 Whereas; a single-payer system could streamline our current health care system and lower costs¹;
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12 Whereas, support for a single-payer system continues to grow²; therefore be it
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14 Resolved, that MedChi establish a task force to study the implications of implementing new
15 payment systems in Maryland, including, but not limited to, a single payer health care system and
16 a Maryland public option. The payment systems task force shall report to the Fall 2019 MedChi
17 House of Delegates meeting its findings and recommendations.
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20 As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 22, 2018.

¹ <http://www.pnhp.org/facts/what-is-single-payer>

² https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2018/04/12/about-half-of-americans-support-single-payer-health-care/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.ba3ba4be982e