

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 21-17

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Certified EMR Companies' Practice of Charging Fees for Regulatory  
Compliance

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1 Whereas, physician practices acquire EMR systems which have demonstrated the technological capability,  
2 functionality, and security requirements required by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and has  
3 received certification by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), and  
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5 Whereas, acquisition of the hardware and EMR software are a significant expense to the practice; and  
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7 Whereas, physician practices are required to use certified EMR systems for participation in various  
8 government programs and with third party payors; and  
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10 Whereas, government changes the requirements for participation in the various programs requiring updates  
11 in EMR software; and  
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13 Whereas, in many cases, EMR vendors pass on the cost of these updates to the physician practice; therefore  
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16 Resolved, that MedChi present a resolution to the American Medical Association at its next meeting of the  
17 AMA House of Delegates requiring EMR vendors to absorb the cost of software updates required for  
18 compliance and participation in government and third-party programs, instead of passing on these expenses  
19 to physicians.  
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22 At its September 23, 2017 meeting, the House of Delegates referred Resolution 21-17 to the Board of  
23 Trustees.  
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25 Relevant AMA Policy: No relevant AMA policy was discovered.  
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