

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 2-17

INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Sub Committee on Prescription and Nonprescription Drugs with
Abuse Potential.

SUBJECT: Maryland Medical Cannabis Reporting

1 Whereas, under current Maryland statute Pharmacies (both in-state and non-resident) and Healthcare
2 practitioners unless EXEMPT are required by law to report dispensing of prescription drugs that contain a
3 Schedule II, III, IV, or V CDS as designated under Title 5, Subtitle 4 of the Criminal Law Article,
4 Annotated Code of Maryland; and
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6 Whereas, with a few exceptions, Maryland’s CDS schedules parallel those in federal law; and
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8 Whereas, The Maryland Division of Drug Control maintains a list of drugs included in the Maryland CDS
9 schedules that are not included in the federal schedules. This list is routinely updated and posted on the
10 DDC website: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/laboratories/drugcont/SitePages/Home.aspx>; and
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12 Whereas, additions or deletions of other drugs specified by Maryland law may happen periodically. These
13 changes must go through the legislative process in order to be added or deleted; and
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15 Whereas, healthcare providers may only access information on patients under their care for treatment
16 purposes; and
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18 Whereas, Use of PDMP improves providers’ ability to manage risk vs benefit of patients legitimate medical
19 treatment with controlled substance medications as well as identify potentially harmful drug interactions;
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22 Whereas, Marijuana (aka Medical Cannabis) is a federally Scheduled I product; and
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24 Whereas, a patient may be reluctant or forget to disclose their use of Medical Cannabis; and
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26 Whereas, a patient may not be able to explain their “dose” or other details related to their Medical Cannabis
27 use; and
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29 Whereas Medical Cannabis is pharmacologically active and can contain multiple active compounds that
30 may act in unpredictable ways, may interact with other prescribed medications and disease states; and
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32 Whereas, patient registration is already required by Maryland Medical Cannabis regulation; and
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Whereas, the dispensary will record how much medical cannabis has been dispensed to the patient;
therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi’s Membership take a position that PDMP reporting law be changed to include
schedule I dispensing of Medical Cannabis; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi’s Membership take a position that Medical Cannabis dispensaries must report
dispensing of products that contain Medical Cannabis in a manner consistent with data field information
currently obtained to contain but not limited to form, days supply, quantity, and other appropriate.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2017.