

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 3-17

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Dues Payments

1 Whereas, membership in MedChi and components is declining; and
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3 Whereas, physicians join numerous specialty, ethnic, gender and geographic physicians associations; and
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5 Whereas, it is important to reduce the barriers to joining, including making annual dues as affordable as
6 possible; and
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8 Whereas, consumers are used to paying for purchases on an installment plan and physicians expect the same
9 from organized medicine; and
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11 Whereas, other medical associations have been offering installment plans for more than 10 years; and
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13 Whereas, the technology exists to set up payments easily through credit card processing software which
14 MedChi already uses; and
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16 Whereas, being able to pay for dues on a semi-annual, quarterly, and monthly basis will make the total cost
17 of membership dues less of a barrier because physicians are able to pay lower amounts; therefore be it
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19 Resolved, that beginning with the 2018 membership year, MedChi will offer installment plans for payment
20 of dues, including semi-annual, quarterly and monthly payments. MedChi can charge if necessary an
21 appropriate processing fee to the physician paying dues on an installment basis to recoup any additional
22 administrative expenses and loss of interest involved in the offering of installment payments. MedChi,
23 working together with county medical societies, will develop a dues remittance process that is acceptable to
24 both organizations given that cash flow will change with the implementation of member dues installment
25 payments.
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28 Resolution 3-17 was referred to the Board of Trustees by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30,
29 2017.
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