



As the statewide professional association for licensed physicians, MedChi is dedicated to our mission to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients, and the public health.

2023 Advocacy Highlights

- **PROTECTED PHYSICIAN SERVICES, PAYMENTS, AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE** Maintained funding of Medicaid E&M payments resulting in payments for the first time being higher than Medicare; established critical exceptions to burdensome and unnecessary step therapy requirements; blocked legislation that would have inappropriately and permanently expanded pharmacist scope of practice regarding vaccinations; and ensured protections from out-of-state investigation and penalties for Maryland physicians who provide legally-protected reproductive care.
- **PROTECTED AND EXPANDED PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE** Expanded coverage and eliminated cost-sharing requirements for breast and lung cancer screenings; ensured that Marylanders will continue to receive health care through telehealth and that physicians will be properly paid for providing telehealth services; protected reproductive freedom and health care services; expanded Medicaid benefits to cover gender-affirming care; and expanded Medicaid reimbursements to cover behavioral health services delivered in primary care settings through the Collaborative Care Model.
- **ADDRESSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND RECOVERY NEEDS** Assisted in establishing the Behavioral Health Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program, an intensive care coordination model using value-based purchasing in the specialty behavioral health system; established the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to educate, train, certify, recruit, place, and retain behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; and established a Commission on Public Health to make recommendations to improve the delivery of "foundational public health services" in the State of Maryland.
- **FOR A FULL LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES REPORT** visit www.medchi.org/YourAdvocate

2023 Award Recipients

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- **Cheryl Matricciani**, In acknowledgment of her efforts to support the physicians of Maryland through her exemplary leadership of Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland and the implementation of the nation's most generous malpractice subsidy in the face of the COVID-19 crisis
- **George S. Malouf, Jr.**, In acknowledgment of his efforts to support the physicians of Maryland through his exemplary leadership of Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland and the implementation of the nation's most generous malpractice subsidy in the face of the COVID-19 crisis
- **Laura Herrera Scott, MD, MPH**, In acknowledgment of her efforts to support the physicians and patients of Maryland by ensuring the affordability of healthcare for vulnerable populations through your unwavering support of stable Medicare rates and in acknowledgement of your leadership on the expansion of behavioral health support for children and adolescents

LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

- **Senator Guy Guzzone**, In acknowledgment of his efforts to support the physicians of Maryland by properly funding important programs such as Medicaid, loan repayment, and medical history preservation
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- **Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk**, In acknowledgment of her efforts to support the physicians and patients of Maryland by reforming step therapy regulations

DR. HENRY P. AND M. PAGE LAUGHLIN ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD

- **Andrea Mullin**, In recognition of her outstanding contributions to MedChi as Practice Transformation Director

DR. HENRY P. AND M. PAGE LAUGHLIN DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

- **Harbhajan S. Ajrawat, M.D.**, In recognition of his outstanding contributions to MedChi as a member of the Board of Trustees

DR. HENRY P. AND M. PAGE LAUGHLIN DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE CHAIR AWARD

- **Patricia Frye, MD**, In recognition of her outstanding contributions to MedChi as Chair of the Cannabis Committee

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- **Stephen Rockower, MD**, In recognition of his outstanding contributions to MedChi as host of MedCast, The Maryland State Medical Society Podcast

DR. HENRY P. AND M. PAGE LAUGHLIN DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

- **Erinn Maury, MD**, In recognition of her outstanding contributions on behalf of the physicians and patients of Maryland as a member of MedChi

DR. HENRY P. AND M. PAGE LAUGHLIN DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC OFFICER AWARD

- **Senator Ben Cardin**, In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the physicians and patients of Maryland as a member of the US Senate



Services and Resources 2023 Overview

- **UNITY INSURANCE** shares its vision to be the insurance agency of choice, committed to serving, protecting, and educating clients with the best coverages at competitive prices. Our dedicated and experienced team is focused on serving the insurance needs of our Society membership and more, offering peace of mind to all our clients. With a niche focus in the healthcare sector, the Unity Insurance team offers “one-stop shopping” and comprehensive insurance solutions to physicians, practice groups, and other healthcare-related organizations.
- **THE CENTER FOR THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE** provides business support tailored to the time constraints of a busy medical practice because we are committed to helping practices remain independent. We assist physicians find ancillary revenue, help with practice management and concerns, and assist physicians with access to transformation grants and other services to help improve their private practice. Reach out today to see how we can help you!
- **THE CENTER FOR THE EMPLOYED PHYSICIAN** provides resources and educational programming to assist physicians who are currently employed or are considering entering into an employment arrangement. 442 Maryland physicians responded to a survey, giving feedback about their concerns regarding practicing medicine in an employed setting and physicians considering employment most requested a resource that would aid in contract negotiations, while physicians who are currently practicing in employed settings most requested current compensation models. Both groups were also concerned about maintaining autonomy.
- **THE CENTER FOR VALUE-BASED CARE** lead the charge in protecting physician interests as Maryland healthcare shifts to value-based care; has worked to make sure the CareFirst value-based bill included physician and patient protections; and was a strong supporter of the Maryland Primary Care Program, the most successful value-based care program for MD adult primary care. MedChi is also a leader in developing specialty value based care programs in MD with the EQIP program.
- **THE CENTER FOR A HEALTHY MARYLAND** announces the appointment of Allan C. Browder, Jr. as our new Executive Director. Allan will be taking over for Debbie Sciabarrasi, who will be stepping aside from her Center duties, while continuing on the MedChi side. This year, the MD Physicians Health Program is celebrating its 45th Anniversary with a series of events, including lectures, fundraising activities, and a research symposium. As of 10/1, there are a total of 85 participants in the three programs. The MedChi Museum of MD Medical History debuted Phase II in conjunction with the 2023 Hunt History of MD Medicine Lecture. New features include the Video and Rare Books Room, a wall of Past Presidents in sequential order, additional displays, including the historic Napoleon Chest, portraits and more.
- **THE MEDCHI DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)** conducted over 287 CME activities and added 3 new jointly provided programs with new partners, and 21 Accredited Providers of CME throughout the state of MD. The CME department continued to improve and enhance online options as the nation and the state continued to deal with the evolving COVID variants. Topics for these events focused on practicing medicine in the post COVID-19 environment, telemedicine, cybersecurity, Opioids, addictions, and other important clinical and non-clinical topics. MedChi has adopted the ACCME’s CME Passport to improve and streamline the administration and management of its activities and issuing CME certificates which allows them to be able to assist physician members and others in finding resources to support their continuing education needs, licensure, and permit requirements. The MedChi CME Department has also continued work with hospitals and other organizations in its accrediting system to assist them in finding and expanding alternative ways of providing education to physicians, working with providers in that system to maintain the accreditation process.

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