

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 11-20

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Enhanced CRISP Functionality to Provide a Physician to Physician
Patient Communication Solution

1 Whereas, CRISP is a regional health information exchange (HIE) serving Maryland and the
2 District of Columbia; and
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4 Whereas, CRISP’s function is to “enable and support the healthcare community of Maryland and
5 our region to appropriately and securely share data in order to facilitate care, reduce costs, and
6 improve health outcomes;” and
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8 Whereas, since CRISP’s inception it has enhanced the ability of physicians to access information
9 about their patients in a safe and secure manner which has improved the continuity of care for
10 patients; and
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12 Whereas, CRISP “offers a suite of tools aimed at improving the facilitation of care for our
13 region’s providers;” and
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15 Whereas, communication between physicians in a safe and secure manner is challenging at best
16 given the various EMR programs and secure messaging platforms; and
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18 Whereas, physician to physician HIPAA compliant communication between physicians can be
19 housed in CRISP instead of outside the exchange in various EMR or messaging systems;
20 therefore be it
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22 Resolved, that MedChi encourage CRISP to add to its suite of tools a HIPAA-compliant
23 physician to physician patient communication solution and urge CRISP to make this one of its
24 highest priorities for innovation.
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27 Fiscal Note: No significant fiscal impact.