

YOUR ADVOCATE AND RESOURCE ON COVID-19



"As a member of MedChi and Maryland's Primary Care Program, I have appreciated the leadership and collaboration of the Maryland Department of Health, Dr. Haft, and MedChi. Between the phone calls, emails, discussions, and resources, it was easy to have the most up-to-date, and accurate, information"
- Willarda Edwards, M.D., MBA



Your Advocate.

Your Resource.

Your Profession.

Since Spring 2020, MedChi and its component medical societies have taken expansive and effective action on:

TELEHEALTH

- Provided rapid implementation support for medical practices.
- Established grant programs to ensure access to affordable HIPAA-compliant telehealth platforms.
- Developed up-to-date billing and coding guidance.
- Vetted resources for remote patient monitoring.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Sounded the alarm in January 2020 on the public health threat of COVID-19.
- Deployed a team of schedulers for COVID-19 testing sites.
- Coordinated with Johns Hopkins and UMMC on surge staffing and Convention Center Field Hospital development.
- Assisted community hospitals and practices with surge staffing.
- Supported community-based initiatives to support physicians.

EDUCATION

- Collaborated with MDH on regular CME-accredited webinars to keep physicians informed of all the latest developments.
- Hosted clinical CME programs, including the first coronavirus CME program in the nation.
- Provided daily email updates, sent to all Maryland physicians, providing the most critical and timely news and resources.
- Collated and shared local, state, and national updates, guidelines, and resources.

POLICY

- Worked with Governor Hogan to ensure physician protections were included in the public health emergency policies.
- Ensured that emergency scope of practice expansions did not cause "scope creep" beyond what was necessary to address the public health crisis.
- Advocated for telehealth policies, including state and federal payment program waivers, patient access, and physician protections across state lines.
- Advocated for economic support for physicians and their medical practices.

BUSINESS

- Provided hands-on support for physicians applying for PPP, EIDL, and other state and federal grants and loans.
- Hosted webinars on human resources, practice reopening, and other practice management topics.
- Advocated for loan repayment forgiveness.
- Developed a comprehensive practice reopening toolkit.

LEADERSHIP

- Led a coalition of Mid-Atlantic region medical societies to share resources and support.
- Represented the physician community at numerous state and federal discussions, workgroups, lectures, and programs.
- Advocated for physicians' needs via media outlets.
- Celebrated and honored the dedication of Maryland's physicians through resources and advocacy.

MedChi is Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, patients, and the public health.

