



The Maryland State Medical Society



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Dear Physicians,

2020 has been a challenging year. COVID-19 has forced us to adjust to an uncertain reality, and our lives have been significantly altered. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the difficulties faced by Maryland's physicians. We are risking our lives treating patients, and we are grateful that most successfully recover, but mourn the too many lost to COVID-19. For some, COVID-19 has meant quarantine and separation from your families and friends. Others of us struggle to serve patients and remain fiscally secure. To all, "THANK YOU." MedChi is here to advocate for, support, and serve you!

During the pandemic, MedChi has provided unparalleled resources for all Maryland physicians. From the beginning, MedChi has been (and continues to be) working for all of us to:

- Educate physicians on the rapidly changing scientific information regarding COVID-19
- Help hundreds of practices with rapid implementation of telehealth
- Ensure physician access to and financial support for affordable, HIPAA-compliant telehealth platforms
- Develop a comprehensive summary of coding guidelines to help answer telehealth questions
- Advocate for and implement economic relief resources specific to the medical community
- Support the Center for a Healthy Maryland's efforts to increase physician health services through the Maryland Physicians Health Program (MPHP)

So far in 2020, MedChi and the Local Component Societies have:

- Provided dozens of complimentary CME accredited activities for more than 4,247 physicians
- Directly aided thousands of Maryland's physicians in applying for and obtaining economic relief
- Conducted weekly webinars on clinical topics, human resources law, practice reopening guidelines, and developed re-opening toolkits
- Successfully lobbied for liability protections through executive orders

As our foremost Maryland physician advocate and resource, MedChi provides incomparable service to our profession. I invite and encourage you to continue your participation. It is your annual membership dues and your contributions that allow us to serve you and our colleagues.

Warm Regards,

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