

**MEDCHI HOUSE OF DELEGATES
REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

April 27, 2025

Presented By David Hexter, M.D., Chair

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Amendments:

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1 *Dr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates,*

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3 *The Reference Committee carefully considered the matters referred to it and submits the*
4 *following report for consideration:*

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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8 *Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends the following consent calendar for*
9 *adoption:*

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11 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

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13 (1) BOT Report 1-25 – Follow Up to Resolutions from 2024 Fall House of Delegates Meeting

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15 (2) CME Report 1-25 – Looking AHEAD Committee Report to the MedChi House of
16 Delegates

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18 (3) CMP Report 1-25 – Cannabis Committee Report to the MedChi House of Delegates

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20 (4) CMP Report 2-25 – Opioid, Pain, and Addition Committee Report to the MedChi House of
21 Delegates

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23 (5) Resolution 1-25 – Support for Physician-Owned Hospitals

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25 (6) Resolution 2-25 – Support the Re-Opening of Enrollment for the Maryland Primary Care
26 Program (MDPCP)

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28 (7) Resolution 3-25 – Supporting Vaccine Education Via Community Engagement Led by
29 MedChi Medical Student Section and Medical Students of Maryland

1 (8) Resolution 5-25 – Members Discount for American Medical Association Products and
2 Resources

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4 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS**

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6 (9) Resolution 4-25 – Supporting Stigma-Free Physician Licensure Forms

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8 **RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL**

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10 (10) Resolution 6-25 – Support and Funding for Sickle Cell Disease Services at the University
11 of Maryland Medical System

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(1) BOT Report 1-25 – Follow Up to Resolutions from 2024 Fall House of Delegates Meeting

Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends acceptance of BOT Report 1-25 as information.

(2) CME Report 1-25 – Looking AHEAD Committee Report to the MedChi House of Delegates

Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends acceptance of CME Report 1-25 as information.

(3) CMP Report 1-25 – Cannabis Committee Report to the MedChi House of Delegates

Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends acceptance of CMP Report 1-25 as information.

(4) CMP Report 2-25 – Opioid, Pain, and Addition Committee Report to the MedChi House of Delegates

Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends acceptance of CMP Report 2-25 as information.

(5) Resolution 1-25 – Support for Physician-Owned Hospitals

Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of Resolution 1-25 as follows:

RESOLVED, That MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, adopt as policy the support for physician-owned hospitals and advocate for the removal of restrictions that limit their growth and development.

(6) Resolution 2-25 – Support the Re-Opening of Enrollment for the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP)

Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of Resolution 2-25 as follows:

RESOLVED, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, strongly supports the immediate re-opening of enrollment for the Maryland Primary Care Program; and

RESOLVED, that MedChi urges the Maryland Department of Health to work closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to advocate for and facilitate the immediate re-opening of enrollment for the Maryland Primary Care Program; and

1 RESOLVED, that MedChi will continue to promote and support efforts to strengthen
2 primary care as a foundation for a healthier Maryland.
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5 **(7) Resolution 3-25 – Supporting Vaccine Education Via Community Engagement Led**
6 **by MedChi Medical Student Section and Medical Students of Maryland**

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8 *Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of Resolution 3-25 as follows:*
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10 RESOLVED, MedChi will actively seek public and private grant funding for community
11 outreach and education initiatives concerning vaccinations in Maryland.
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14 **(8) Resolution 5-25 – Members Discount for American Medical Association Products**
15 **and Resources**

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17 *Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of Resolution 5-25 as follows:*
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19 RESOLVED, that the Maryland Delegation to our AMA advocate for our AMA to offer
20 discounts to members on all AMA products and resources.
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23 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS**

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25 **(9) Resolution 4-25 – Supporting Stigma-Free Physician Licensure Forms**

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27 *Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends adoption of Resolution 4-25 with*
28 *amendments as follows:*
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30 RESOLVED, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, will support the
31 removal of intrusive questions about mental health history and treatment IN
32 LICENSING FORMS REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
33 PHYSICIANS AND CREDENTIALING FORMS REQUIRED BY HOSPITALS,
34 INSURANCE CARRIERS, AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT CREDENTIAL PHYSICIANS
35 ~~Maryland State Board of Medicine licensing and credentialing forms.~~
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37 *Dr. Speaker, it was the consensus of your reference committee that this amendment clarifies*
38 *the intent of the resolution to include credentialing forms required by several entities that*
39 *credential physicians.*
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42 **RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL**

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44 **(10) Resolution 6-25 – Support and Funding for Sickle Cell Disease Services at the**
45 **University of Maryland Medical System**

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47 *Dr. Speaker, your reference committee recommends referral to the Board of Trustees due to*
48 *several complexities that were raised during testimony and discussion, including the absence*
49 *of the inclusion of other health care institutions and entities and the need for additional*

1 research.

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CONCLUSION

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6 *Dr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the reference committee. I would like to thank the*
7 *members of the reference committee and those who provided testimony.*

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9 **Committee Members:**

10 David Hexter, M.D., Chair

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12 Robin Motter-Mast, D.O.

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