

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 23-18

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Patient Privacy Invasion by the Submission of Fully Identified Quality Measure
Data to CMS

1 Whereas there are two types of quality measure reports that are required to be produced by
2 Meaningful Use Stage 2 Certified EHRs: QRDA I reports provide detailed information about
3 patients including names, dates of birth, addresses, race and ethnicity and conditions such as
4 diabetes, drug and alcohol abuse, obesity, depression, etc. and QRDA III reports which are
5 summary reports which do not contain personal information about patients; and
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7 Whereas patients do not give permission to submit the personally identified QRDA I reports for
8 either PQRS for Medicare and Medicaid or for Meaningful Use Quality Reporting; and
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10 Whereas the release of private information without permission can undermine the willingness of
11 patients to confide in their provider and may undermine the provider-patient relationship; and
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13 Whereas the quality measures include very sensitive information; and
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15 Whereas there are no guarantees that the database containing this personally identified information
16 can be protected from illegal access; and
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18 Whereas there are no guarantees that the database will not be released deliberately, by act of law or
19 regulation, sometime in the future, without patient permission; therefore be it
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21 Resolved, that to protect patient privacy, MedChi submit a resolution to the American
22 Medical Association to establish regulation and/or legislation that all quality measure data
23 should only be collected in summary format with no personally identified information included.
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26 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 22, 2018.