MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 30-18

INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Public Health Committee

SUBJECT: Support for a Single-Payer System and AMA Task Force

Whereas, a single-payer national health insurance is a system in which a single public or quasi-public agency organizes health care financing, but the delivery of care remains largely in private hands; and

Whereas, under a single-payer system, all residents of the U.S would be covered for all medically necessary services, including doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs; and

Whereas; a single-payer system could streamline our current health care system and lower costs¹; and

Whereas, support for a single-payer system continues to grow²; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi establish a task force to study the implications of implementing new payment systems in Maryland, including, but not limited to, a single payer health care system and a Maryland public option. The payment systems task force shall report to the Fall 2019 MedChi House of Delegates meeting its findings and recommendations.

As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 22, 2018.

¹ http://www.pnhp.org/facts/what-is-single-payer