

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 40-18

INTRODUCED BY: Howard County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Medical Cannabis Recommenders

1 Whereas, there is less than adequate data on the use of medical cannabis when combined with
2 standard treatments; and

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4 Whereas, time spent discussing the potential effects of medical cannabis with patients is
5 necessary but may not be billed to insurance or Medicare; and

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7 Whereas; a recommender of Medical Cannabis may be of various licensed providers and
8 specialties without regard to the practitioner's clinical capabilities to treat the certifying
9 diagnosis; and

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11 Whereas, patients are receiving medical cannabis certificates from a provider other than their
12 primary treating physician and are resistant to considering the potential effects of medical
13 cannabis in their situation; and

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15 Whereas, the physician prescribing standard treatments to patients using medical cannabis are
16 exposed to liability; and

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18 Whereas, practitioners should not withhold standard of care treatments; therefore be it

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20 Resolved, that MedChi shall introduce legislation that a certifying Medical Cannabis practitioner
21 must have the capabilities to treat and be responsible for treating the certifying diagnosis.

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25 At its meeting on September 22, 2018, the House of Delegates referred Resolution 40-18 to the
26 Board of Trustees.