MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 40-18

INTRODUCED BY: Howard County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Medical Cannabis Recommenders

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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