MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 21-17

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Certified EMR Companies’ Practice of Charging Fees for Regulatory Compliance

Whereas, physician practices acquire EMR systems which have demonstrated the technological capability, functionality, and security requirements required by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and has received certification by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), and

Whereas, acquisition of the hardware and EMR software are a significant expense to the practice; and

Whereas, physician practices are required to use certified EMR systems for participation in various government programs and with third party payors; and

Whereas, government changes the requirements for participation in the various programs requiring updates in EMR software; and

Whereas, in many cases, EMR vendors pass on the cost of these updates to the physician practice; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi present a resolution to the American Medical Association at its next meeting of the AMA House of Delegates requiring EMR vendors to absorb the cost of software updates required for compliance and participation in government and third-party programs, instead of passing on these expenses to physicians.

At its September 23, 2017 meeting, the House of Delegates referred Resolution 21-17 to the Board of Trustees.

Relevant AMA Policy: No relevant AMA policy was discovered.