MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DElegates

Resolution 1-17

INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Sub Committee on Prescription and Nonprescription Drugs with Abuse Potential.

SUBJECT: Maryland Medical Cannabis Registry

Whereas, Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) is a state wide Maryland HIE designed to support statewide efforts of improving patient care, appropriately and securely share data and reduce costs; and

Whereas, Protecting patient information in the CRISP HIE is a priority. CRISP follows all state and federal privacy and security laws to protect patient health information; and

Whereas, patient and caregiver registration is required by Maryland Medical Cannabis to register on the Commission’s website by providing name, address, date of birth, and uploading an image of a government ID. Once registered, a must patient will go to a doctor with whom the patient has a “bona fide physician-patient relationship and who has registered with the Commission to obtain a written certification: and

Whereas, under current Maryland Medical Cannabis regulations a patient registry is to be established; and

Whereas, “bona fide physician-patient relationship means the physician has examined the patient, reviewed medical records, assessed the patient’s medical history, maintains records on the patient, and will provide follow-up care to the patient as needed; and

Whereas, each patient may only have one written certification and one certifying physician at a time; and

Whereas, information on use of Medical Cannabis is not federally protected; and

Whereas, Maryland prescribers are already required to register with the PDMP which is housed within CRISP; and

Whereas Medical Cannabis is pharmacologically active and can contain multiple active compounds that may act in unpredictable ways, may interact with other prescribed medications and disease states; and

Whereas a patient may not disclose the relationship with the Medical Cannabis certifying physician to their other physicians; therefore be it

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Resolved, that MedChi’s Membership take a position that the Maryland Medical Cannabis patient registry
be housed within CRISP and the data be accessible to all Maryland PDMP registrants.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2017.