INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Dues Payments

Whereas, membership in MedChi and components is declining; and

Whereas, physicians join numerous specialty, ethnic, gender and geographic physicians associations; and

Whereas, it is important to reduce the barriers to joining, including making annual dues as affordable as possible; and

Whereas, consumers are used to paying for purchases on an installment plan and physicians expect the same from organized medicine; and

Whereas, other medical associations have been offering installment plans for more than 10 years; and

Whereas, the technology exists to set up payments easily through credit card processing software which MedChi already uses; and

Whereas, being able to pay for dues on a semi-annual, quarterly, and monthly basis will make the total cost of membership dues less of a barrier because physicians are able to pay lower amounts; therefore be it

Resolved, that beginning with the 2018 membership year, MedChi will offer installment plans for payment of dues, including semi-annual, quarterly and monthly payments. MedChi can charge if necessary an appropriate processing fee to the physician paying dues on an installment basis to recoup any additional administrative expenses and loss of interest involved in the offering of installment payments. MedChi, working together with county medical societies, will develop a dues remittance process that is acceptable to both organizations given that cash flow will change with the implementation of member dues installment payments.

Resolution 3-17 was referred to the Board of Trustees by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2017.