

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 20-18

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore County Medical Association

SUBJECT: Supporting Appropriate Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission  
Prescription Guidelines

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Whereas, MedChi’s mission is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients, and the public health; and,

Whereas, in order for a patient to get a written certification for marijuana, a patient needs an in-person visit with a Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) registered physician with whom the patient has a “bona fide physician-patient relationship;” and,

Whereas, MMCC guidelines define a bona-fide patient-physician relationship as a treatment or counseling relationship between a physician and patient in which the physician reviews the patient's relevant medical records, completes an in-person assessment of the patient's medical history and current medical condition, creates and maintains medically standardized records, expects to monitor patient program, and takes any medically indicated action to follow up; and

Whereas, current MMCC regulations states that unless an amount is recommended in a physician’s written certification, by default a patient may receive up to 120 grams of medical cannabis dried flower or 36 grams of THC per month;

Whereas, this allows a patient to receive up to 1,140 grams of medical cannabis dried flower and 432 grams of THC per year; and

Whereas, this amount of marijuana is more than a patient would need for most all diagnoses and creates the potential for patients to distribute or sell marijuana; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi should notify all marijuana physician recommenders that Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission regulations allow patients to receive the regulated maximum amounts of medical cannabis unless otherwise specified by the recommender and that doses lower than the maximum allowable amount might be a more appropriate recommendation for many patients; and be it further

Resolved, that MedChi create a policy advising physicians when recommending marijuana to specify an amount in their written certification, and require their patients to schedule a follow up appointment within suggested medical guidelines.

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As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 29, 2018.