

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 21-18

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore County Medical Association

SUBJECT: Requirements for Globally Budgeted Facilities

Whereas, The Baltimore Sun reported that MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center is closing its pediatric inpatient unit and emergency room, retaining outpatient pediatric surgeries; and

Whereas, MedStar officials and the Baltimore Sun May 4, 2018, article claimed, “The changes at Franklin Square come as hospitals in Maryland have been working to push more treatment out of the hospital into less expensive care elsewhere to help reduce health care spending;“ and

Whereas, According to MedStar, “Twenty full-time staff, including eight doctors, will be impacted. Some will be offered positions at Franklin Square or other MedStar hospitals; some will lose their jobs;” and

Whereas, MedStar plans to build a new surgical pavilion using tax exempt funds and a Maryland grant to Baltimore County; and

Whereas, MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center is on a global budget with the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC); and

Whereas, MedStar and other statewide health care entities make most if not all practitioners sign a strong non-compete clause; and

Whereas, This is causing major concerns for physicians, patients and the public health of Maryland; therefore be it

Resolved, That MedChi ask the HSCRC to disallow non-compete clauses for any entity that contracts with the State for global budget funding; and be it further

Resolved, That MedChi ask the HSCRC and the Maryland Health Care Commission to add notification requirements to the commissions, the public and local and state elected official when major reduction of services are made by entities receiving funds through state global budgets.

As its April 29, 2018 meeting, the House of Delegates voted to refer the first Resolved to the Board of Trustees. The second Resolved was amended and adopted.