

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 3-18

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore City Medical Society

SUBJECT: Community Physician Practices and Global Budgeting

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Whereas, It has been four years since global budgeting has been implemented in Maryland to encourage hospitals to work with community physician practices; and

Whereas, community physician practices have been unsuccessful in their efforts to engage with hospitals in the care of specific patients, particularly those with long-term illnesses, due to hospitals developing their own new unregulated clinics to provide care; and

Whereas, This problem is further compounded by the hospitals ongoing acquisition of medical practices and further limiting the number of non-employed physicians who may admit to a given hospital; and

Whereas, These practices limit patient choice in seeking treatment and care, and increase overall treatment costs; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi examine the issue of hospitals' limitations on community physicians providing care of patients with long term and other illnesses under global budgeting, and report back to the House of Delegates at its September 2018 meeting.

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