

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 2-21

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore City Medical Society

SUBJECT: Equal Patient Access to and Physician Payment for Remote Patient Monitoring  
Under Medical Assistance

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1 Whereas, Parity of payment for physician services whether performed “face-to-face” or remotely is now a  
2 national mandate; and  
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4 Whereas, given the current pandemic, more patients are receiving medical care via telehealth and remote  
5 patient monitoring; and  
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7 Whereas, Remote patient monitoring allows improved access to medical care, reductions in disparities in  
8 care, enhanced efficiency in the delivery of care and mitigation of mal-distribution of medical care  
9 providers. All these apply whether the patient is located in rural or urban areas, whether the patient is rich  
10 or poor, whether the patient is senior or young; and  
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12 Whereas, Patients receiving Medical Assistance via managed care are not given access to remote patient  
13 monitoring, and thereby not afforded the same benefit nor opportunity to regularly confer with their  
14 physicians; and  
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16 Whereas, We must move towards equal access and greater efficiency in medical care delivery, particularly  
17 as the nation faces a growing physician manpower shortage, and greater numbers of patients are entering  
18 the healthcare system following passage of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010;  
19 therefore be it  
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21 Resolved, That MedChi strongly support broad-based legislation to mandate equal patient access to and  
22 equal physician payment for remote patient monitoring under Medical Assistance, and to also support  
23 telephone access to remote patient monitoring for those patients who do not have access to internet or  
24 computer equipment.  
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26 Fiscal Note: Included in existing legislative advocacy budget.