

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

BOT Report 1-23

INTRODUCED BY: Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: Follow up to Resolutions from 2022 Fall House of Delegates Meeting

The Board of Trustees presents the following informational report on the follow up actions for resolutions from the 2022 Fall House of Delegates Meeting:

RES.	TITLE	ADOPTED RESOLVES	FOLLOW-UP
9-22	Eliminating Co-Pays, Deductibles, and Coinsurance for the Detection and Diagnosis of Breast Cancer	Resolved, that MedChi support legislation to require that breast cancer diagnostic examinations and evaluations be provided without cost sharing to ensure that all women have equal access to detection and diagnosis of breast cancer	MedChi supported legislation in 2023 General Assembly session. SB 184/HB376 passed.
10-22	Reconsidering MedChi's Approach to Advocacy Related to Insurance Mandates	Resolved, that MedChi review its approach to advocacy related to mandated insurance benefits and report back to the House of Delegates with recommended updates.	Council on Legislation will consider this issue after the 2023 legislative session. SB98/HB650 did not pass.
11-22	Any Willing Practitioner for MCOs and the Private Insurance Market	Resolved, that MedChi introduce legislation to prohibit Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and health insurance carriers from excluding qualified physicians from their panels, with the exception of staff model Health Maintenance Organizations	MedChi convened a coalition of over 50 groups to support relevant legislation in 2023 General Assembly Session. SB398/HB650 did not pass.
12-22	Fairness in the State Reinsurance Program	Resolved, that MedChi reaffirm its policy of support for the Reinsurance Program, while opposing any attempts to apply the state subsidy unequally	Added to MedChi policy compendium.
13-22	Reform Utilization Laws	Resolved, that MedChi renew legislative work pursued in 2018 to amend existing step therapy and prior authorization law.	MedChi convened a coalition of over 50 groups to support relevant legislation in 2023 General Assembly Session. SB515/HB785 passed. Work will continue.
14-22	Physician Dispensing	Resolved, that MedChi will support state legislation that would allow for an "any willing provider" policy with respect to commercial insurers pharmacy networks allowing for prescription drugs dispensed by physicians.	MedChi supported relevant legislation in 2023 General Assembly Session, but SB 398/HB650 did not pass.
15-22	Modernization of the Maryland Impairment Guidelines	Resolved, that MedChi advocate for the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission to adopt the most recent AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment.	Communicated with Worker's Comp Commission asking for support but didn't get a response. Met with trial lawyers but they are opposing. Have reached a standstill on the issue as of March 2023.

16-22	Healthcare Transparency	Resolved, that MedChi work with the Maryland Board of Physicians to ensure that the use of recognized medical specialty terms by a non-physician would be a violation of MD. Code Ann., Health Occupations § 14-602(a), which provides: “Unless authorized to practice medicine under this title, a person may not represent to the public, by description of services, methods or procedures, or otherwise, that the person is authorized to practice medicine in the state.”	Letter expressing concern sent the MD Board of Physicians.
17-22	Federal Government Oversight of Augmented Intelligence	Resolved, that the MedChi Delegation to the American Medical Association introduce a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates which would request a study and recommendations on how to best protect public health by regulation and oversight of the development and implementation of augmented intelligence and its applications in the healthcare arena.	A resolution is being submitted to the AMA for the 2023 Annual Meeting
18-22	Emergency Medical Services Requirement for Individuals Experiencing Emergency Medical Conditions While in Custody or in Contact with a Police/Peace Officer	Withdrawn by sponsor	None Required
19-22	Medical Society Museum and Physician Hall of Fame	Resolved, that MedChi continue to work on the museum project, to include finding a name and investigating funding from the state of Maryland and other sources.	Work continues. State funding has been approved.
20-22	MedChi Abortion Policy	Resolved, that MedChi adopts the current AMA policy titled “Preserving Access to Reproductive Health Services” (D-5.999).	Added to MedChi policy compendium and legislative agenda.

21-22	Health Care for All	<p>Resolved, that MedChi support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Automatically enrolling all Marylanders eligible for free or very low-cost health care plans in health care coverage except for those who opt out; and 2. Creating state-based individual and small employer subsidy programs to improve the affordability of private coverage to uninsured Marylanders, including through plans from Maryland Health Connection; and 3. Removing immigration status as a barrier to health coverage for Marylanders who would otherwise be eligible to enroll in Medicaid or private health plans from Maryland Health Connection. 	Added to MedChi policy compendium.
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Adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2023.