

President's Report Spring 2023

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MedChi
The Maryland State Medical Society



Your Advocate.



Your Resource.



Your Profession.

First, thank you again!! It is a fast moving and phenomenal year. I am very grateful for the privilege of working with you....



World Tai Chi Day – April 29, 2023



MedChi – ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER

IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE

- OUR PATIENTS
- OUR OWN PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF LIFE

HOW???

MedChi moves forward from our Covid Experience

- We have increased our impact -- combining virtual and in-person offerings, including many of our Seminars and Meetings.
- House of Delegates **Virtually** now and **in-person** in the Fall.

MedChi Legislative Council

1. Insurance
2. Boards and Commissions
3. Public Health

2023 Legislative & Regulatory Victories

1. Physician Services, Payments, Practice of Medicine
2. Behavioral Health Treatment; Public Health
3. Access to Care

Physician Services, Payments, Practice of Medicine

1. Maintain Medicaid E&M Payments > Medicare
2. Defeat bill that would REPEAL CAP on non-economic Damages
3. Reform Step Therapy + Commitments for work on Prior Auth

-- Thank you for 2,200 Phone Calls on this!!

Behavioral Health & Public Health

1. Expand Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
2. Estab: Access to MH Advisory Committee – Services @ Higher Education
3. Establish Commission on Public Health to improve delivery

Access to Care

1. Access to (and payment for) **TELEHEALTH** is continued
2. Expanded coverage & Cost Sharing: **Breast & Lung Cancer Screening**
3. Continue to facilitate **program enrollment in Medical Assistance**

Improving our Professional Quality of Life

- **MedChi & Montgomery County Medical Society**
- **Seminars for further education in**
 - **Business of Medical Practice**
 - **Legal Training / Contracts etc.**
 - **IT / Tech solutions**
 - **and more**

Seminars are live AND RECORDED for later access

Continuing work on important goals ...

- **HSCRC Physician Engagement and Alignment Workgroup**
 - Should ED services be included?
 - Also - Radiology, Pathology, Anesthesia services?
 - Improve and Expand EQIP & MDPCP
 - Improve payment paradigms; adjust downside risk

Continuing work on important goals ...

- **Child Behavioral Health Task Force**
 - Characterize the scope of the crisis
 - What has been done in other states?
 - Can we pilot school screening for depression & suicide
 - Should we focus on training and de-stigmatization?
 - What are the opportunities with existing and new state programs?

Continuing work on important goals ...

- Opioid Crisis: Opioid Task Force continues
- Modernizing MedChi Communication
- Task Force on Child Behavioral Health
- Scope of Practice work with APPs will continue
- Work on Prior Auth & Defending Medical Liability Reform

and there is so much more to do

AND Museum AND 225th year celebration of MedChi



Thank you!

We continue our work together for the
QUALITY OF LIFE of Maryland
Physicians and our Patients!

