

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 15-13

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Eliminating Penalties to In Network Physicians When Patients See Out of
 Network Physicians

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee B

Whereas, physicians contract with insurance companies; and

Whereas, contracted physicians agree to accept particular fee schedules; and

Whereas, physicians treat patients who can seek care wherever they desire; and

Whereas, physicians do not direct patients to out of network physicians; and

Whereas, managed care companies have started including contract provisions that physicians' fee schedules can be reduced by 20% should the patient seek care from out of network physicians, and may be removed from the managed care network entirely; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi work to ensure that carriers are prohibited from terminating a physician contract because a patient seeks the care of an out-of-network physician.

As adopted with substitute resolution by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 21, 2013.