

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 7-13

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Medical Society Restructuring to Reflect Significant Trend in Medicine

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1 Whereas, the trend toward established physicians leaving private practice to choose employment is changing the landscape  
2 of the medical profession significantly; and

3 Whereas, the majority of physicians completing training do not choose to go into private practice but instead become  
4 employed in hospitals or health systems, and

5 Whereas, the number of employed physicians is rapidly increasing in Maryland; and

6 Whereas, it is becoming increasingly difficult to get employed physicians to maintain their memberships in or join MedChi  
7 and component societies as they often don't see the continued need for the services provided traditionally by organized  
8 medicine; and

9 Whereas, employed physicians' interests often become more aligned with their employers and the employed physicians  
10 perceive that their interests are now served by their employers; and

11 Whereas, MedChi and the Center for a Healthy Maryland, have initiated progressive efforts through the development of the  
12 Center for the Employed Physician to determine what services and benefits are needed by employed physicians, and

13 Whereas, membership in MedChi and its component societies is based on individual membership; and

14 Whereas, this model may not be the best or only membership model going forward to serve physicians and to sustain  
15 MedChi and its components, and

16 Whereas, this trend is so significant that the future of medical associations may be compromised if they do not respond and  
17 restructure to ensure sustainability; and

18 Whereas, other state medical societies are considering or have already initiated changes in their membership model and their  
19 infrastructure to respond to the anticipated impact on Medicine and their societies of the significant movement of physicians  
20 to an employment setting; therefore be it

21 Resolved, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, study and report back to the next House of Delegates' meeting  
22 the strides that other state and specialty medical societies' have made to respond and/or restructure their organizations,  
23 membership models, and/or their member benefits to effectively respond to and serve the rapidly increasing employed  
24 physician sector.  
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27 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its April 27, 2013 meeting.