

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 15-14

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: AMA-Provided Innovation Grants to Support New Physician Models to Improve
Quality, Efficiency and Reduce Cost

1 Whereas, the medical community is changing dramatically, and cost, efficiency and quality are of the utmost
2 concern; and
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4 Whereas, physicians practice in many different settings; and
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6 Whereas, there are possible cost, quality and efficiency benefits from data integration in a larger health system or
7 group practice benefit; however data integration is an expensive endeavor; and
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9 Whereas, the role of the AMA and other medical associations is to support physicians in all models in which they
10 choose to practice, including independent, private practice; and
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12 Whereas, the AMA initiated previously innovation grants totaling \$11 million to medical schools to encourage new
13 medical education models; and
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15 Whereas, investment in possible new models of practice, data integration projects and/or other initiatives to
16 improve quality and efficiency and reduce cost is in the best interest of our health care delivery system, profession
17 of medicine and patients alike; therefore be it
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19 Resolved, that MedChi submit to the AMA a resolution asking the AMA to develop innovation grants to explore
20 new ways to improve quality and efficiency, and reduce cost in all medical practice settings, including independent
21 private practice.
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24 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 27, 2014.