

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 16-14

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Hospital Supported Scribe Services to All Physicians

1 Whereas, hospitals throughout Maryland are requiring physicians, as a condition of having hospital privileges, to
2 learn their EMR and order entry systems; and
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4 Whereas, in many cases, physicians who routinely spent a minimal amount of time documenting care and orders,
5 must now spend an inordinate non-reimbursable amount of time complying with hospital requirements; and
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7 Whereas, hospitals are providing medical scribes to hospital-employed physicians to ensure the enhanced
8 productivity of hospital-employed physicians, but are not providing them to private physicians who are not
9 employed by the hospitals; and
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11 Whereas, this provides physician employees and hospitals with an undue financial advantage over non-employed
12 private physicians; therefore be it
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14 Resolved, that MedChi evaluate the economic disadvantages and possible unfair trade practice, and possible legal
15 ramifications of hospital-provided scribe services to only hospital employed physicians and not to independent,
16 private physicians; and be it further
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18 Resolved, that MedChi either through legislation or regulation seek to require all hospitals that provide scribe
19 services to their employed physicians to provide them to all physicians regardless of their hospital employment
20 status.
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23 As referred to the Board of Trustees by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 27, 2014.