

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 18-15

INTRODUCED BY: Anne Arundel and Howard County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Prior Authorization

1 Whereas, prior authorizations for medications continues to be an intrusive and liability-laden
2 administrative protocol requiring as much as 30 minutes of direct clinician input; and
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4 Whereas, benefits management companies such as CVS Caremark and others have been steadily
5 increasing the number of medications which are now considered non formulary over the past 2 years; and
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7 Whereas, some clinical specialties are responsible for treating patients whose illness instability can cause
8 public harm (i.e. vehicle accidents when a seizure patient does not receive medication requiring prior
9 auth, patients with psychotic disorders who are at risk of committing violent crime due to medication
10 lapses, infectious disease patients with communicable diseases); and
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12 Whereas, often times medications requiring prior auth are generic medications and cheap anyway and
13 some of the most popular and efficacious medications often become non formulary; therefore be it
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15 Resolved, that MedChi work within its means to explore novel strategies such as working with insurance
16 companies and actuarial professionals to create new insurance products such as "prior auth insurance" that
17 patients can purchase to help stabilize the medication market with the understanding that physicians
18 offices will no longer be liable for a patient not receiving lifesaving medication due to unnecessary
19 administrative protocols; and be it further
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21 Resolved, that MedChi explore ways to decrease the administrative burden of the prior authorization
22 process in general.
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26 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 19, 2015.
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