

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 25-15

INTRODUCED BY: Maryland Psychiatric Society
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SUBJECT: Maryland Medicaid Coverage of Prescriptions and Tests Ordered by
Non-Participating Psychiatrists

1 Whereas, the number of patients with Medicaid is increasing; and
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3 Whereas, there is a shortage of physicians, especially psychiatrists, who participate in Maryland Medicaid
4 a number of solo or small practice psychiatrists lack the infrastructure and staff to keep up with all of the
5 required procedures involved with Medicaid participation, and so choose to not participate in Medicaid;
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8 Whereas, a number of solo or small practice psychiatrists, despite opting out of Medicaid for these
9 reasons, still manage to treat Medicaid patients, including providing prescriptions and tests; and
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11 Whereas, as of December, 2015, Maryland Medicaid will prohibit payment for prescriptions or lab tests
12 ordered by non-participating physicians; and
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14 Whereas, if this prohibition proceeds as scheduled, Medicaid patients receiving care from non-
15 participating physicians must disrupt their relationship with their current psychiatrist and find another
16 physician to prescribe medications and lab tests; and
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18 Whereas, the AMA adopted a policy proposed by MedChi that opposes the denial of payment for a
19 medically necessary prescription of a drug or service covered by the policy based solely on the network
20 participation of the duly licensed physician ordering it, therefore be it
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22 Resolved, the MedChi work with Maryland Medicaid and the relevant stakeholders to identify and
23 implement mechanisms to address the access issues caused by the change in Maryland Medicaid policy
24 dictated by federal law that prohibits payment for prescriptions or lab tests ordered by non-participating
25 physicians; and be it further
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27 Resolved, that MedChi adopt a policy that opposes the denial of payment for a medical necessary
28 prescription or test covered by a policy based solely on the network participation of the duly licensed
29 physician ordering it; and be it futher
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31 Resolved, that MedChi's AMA delegation request the appropriate AMA component to collect national
32 data on the extent of the problem of insurance non-coverage of prescriptions and tests when ordered by
33 non-participating physicians across the various specialties.

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As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 19, 2015.

