

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 28-15

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Payor Physician Quality Rating Programs

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1 Whereas, payors are not transparent about the procedures or practices used to determine the overall  
2 physician rating strategy, or individual physician ratings; and  
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4 Whereas, often physicians are notified of their individual quality rating and are given inadequate time to  
5 appeal these decisions before the quality rating is posted online; and  
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7 Whereas, patients use these quality rating systems to make choices for their medical care; and  
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9 Whereas, the current law (§15-1701 and §15-1702) outlined in detail the requirements of payor rating  
10 systems; and  
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12 Whereas, Maryland passed legislation requiring payor rating systems to be approved by the Maryland  
13 Health Care Commission's contracted ratings examiner prior to January 1, 2010; and  
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15 Whereas, confusion still exists amongst physicians and patients due to lack of payor transparency about  
16 their rating systems for cost and quality; therefore be it  
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18 Resolved, that MedChi communicate with the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to make them  
19 aware that physicians do not understand the criteria by which their quality and/or cost is being measured,  
20 and the appeal processes which are in place for physicians to use if they find their quality/cost is  
21 inappropriately designated; and be it further  
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23 Resolved, that MedChi request a report on the compliance with the current law ((§15-1701 and §15-  
24 1702), and request the MHCC to release the criteria upon which physicians' quality is being measured;  
25 and be it further  
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27 Resolved, that MedChi obtain and make available the payors' quality/cost rating criteria and appeals  
28 processes with the membership as soon as possible.  
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31 As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 19, 2015.  
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