

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 1-16

INTRODUCED BY: Addictions Committee

SUBJECT: Buprenorphine Authorization

1 Whereas, Governor Larry Hogan has made the treatment of heroin addiction a priority issue in
2 Maryland; and

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4 Whereas, buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone are effective medications in the treatment of
5 opioid use disorder; and

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7 Whereas, increasing access to buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone is an initiative of the
8 Center for a Healthy Maryland; and

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10 Whereas, pre-authorization by third party payer for the prescription of buprenorphine and
11 buprenorphine/naloxone interferes with access to this medication; therefore be it

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13 Resolved, that it be MedChi's policy that pre-authorization by third party payers for the
14 prescription of and office treatment with buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone by an
15 appropriately waived physician will not be permitted in the state of Maryland.

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18 As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 17, 2016.
