MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 11-13

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore City Medical Society

SUBJECT: The Physician Role in Future Healthcare Systems

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee A

Whereas, Healthcare is going through a period of tremendous change; and
Whereas, Changes to the healthcare system have resulted in different roles for the physician; and
Whereas, The number of medical administrators and managers has grown exponentially; and
Whereas, Decisions assumed to be made by physicians can be directed or limited by the structure of the system; and
Whereas, Physicians have been accepting employee roles in greater numbers; and
Whereas, We are seeing new issues that physicians are facing as employed professionals; and
Whereas, New models of care emphasize inter-professional care; and
Whereas, The role of each provider in an inter-professional environment is still being defined; and
Whereas, There are providers who work within the system with less training and abilities claiming to be able to perform most of the duties that physicians perform; and
Whereas, Determinations of duties are often made by administrators; therefore be it

Resolved, That MedChi investigates issues of the structure of the healthcare system and the role of the physician within the system; and be it further

Resolved, That MedChi identify future issues that could potentially limit the professional ability of physicians to provide the optimal level of care for their patients; and be it further

Resolved, That MedChi develop a plan to preserve the professional role of the physician within the healthcare system; and be it further

Resolved, That MedChi explore and begin to develop models and tools for employed physicians to become and grow as leaders within their systems.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 21, 2013.