

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 21-15

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Third-Party Payment Parity with Medicare

1 Whereas, physician practices choose to participate with third-party payors as a convenience to
2 patients, and as a contracted source of revenue for their practices; and

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4 Whereas, Medicare was created to improve access and care for seniors; and

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6 Whereas, practicing medicine in Maryland is increasingly expensive; and

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8 Whereas, commercial payors base their fee schedules on Medicare payment policy; and

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10 Whereas, Medicare was never intended to have the best payment rates as compared to
11 commercial payors; and

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13 Whereas, commercial payors in Maryland are now paying physicians less than Medicare;
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16 Resolved, that MedChi advocate that it be public policy for third-party commercial payors to pay
17 physicians no less than the Medicare fee schedule for the same procedures and/or care provided.

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

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