

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 24-15

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Voluntary Physician/Practice Participation in Pre or Prior Authorization

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1 Whereas, MedChi supported legislation to require all physicians to participate in online prior  
2 authorization processing in the 2010 session with good intentions of improving an inefficient process; and  
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4 Whereas, the regulation to mandate all physicians to use online prior authorization became effective as of  
5 July 1, 2015; and  
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7 Whereas, the Commission on Health chose not to develop regulations requiring payors to adopt  
8 mandatory usage of online prior authorization; and  
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10 Whereas, as a result, there is variance in the adoption of the online prior authorization portal by payors in  
11 Maryland with some adopting it and others not choosing to implement the online portal; and  
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13 Whereas, unintended consequences of this requirement have caused disruption of physician practice  
14 workflow, online portals do not integrate with all EMRs, which requires work stoppage and delay in  
15 being able to complete prior authorization processes, and it is not available to nonparticipating physicians;  
16 therefore be it  
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18 Resolved, that MedChi communicate and continue to work with the Maryland Health Care Commission  
19 to address physician concerns regarding the electronic prior authorization system, including  
20 interoperability issues between the electronic preauthorization system and electronic health records,  
21 limitations on non-participating physicians from accessing certain portals, and other work flow and  
22 business operations issues.  
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25 As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 19, 2015.  
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