

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 5-15

INTRODUCED BY: Montgomery County Medical Society

SUBJECT: Mobile Integrated Community Health Programs

1 Whereas, current emergency medical services (EMS) protocols result in the transportation of
2 nearly all patients to an emergency department; and
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4 Whereas, the emergency department may not be the best resource to meet the patient's needs,
5 resulting in unnecessary costs to the healthcare system, local governments, and inconvenience to
6 the patient; and
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8 Whereas, Mobile Integrated Community Health programs represent an effort to better match the
9 patient to the resources needed; and
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11 Whereas, Mobile Integrated Community Health is defined as sending EMS providers to evaluate
12 patients in the prehospital setting within their current scope of practice in an expanded role under
13 physician supervision through the use of non-emergent resources; and
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15 Whereas, several integrated healthcare delivery systems have expressed interest in creating Mobile
16 Integrated Community Health programs for their patients; and
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18 Whereas, Mobile Integrated Community Health programs have been successfully implemented in
19 other states; and
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21 Whereas, Queen Anne's County has successfully implemented a pilot Mobile Community Health
22 program under the supervision of the EMS Board and the local health officer; and
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24 Whereas, House Bill 1313 (2014), which would have studied ways to implement Mobile
25 Community Health programs in Maryland, but failed to pass due to opposition from the nursing
26 lobby; therefore be it
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28 Resolved, that MedChi explore the possibility of implementing physician-supervised Mobile
29 Integrated Health programs in Maryland, and report back to the Annual Meeting of the House of
30 Delegates (Fall, 2015).

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33 As approved by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 25, 2015.