

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 8-15

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore County Medical Association

SUBJECT: Combining Medical License and Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS)  
Registration Renewals

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1 Whereas, the Division of Drug Control of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
2 (DHMH) was so backlogged over the past two (2) consecutive biannual renewal periods that many  
3 physicians did not receive their renewed CDS registration prior to the expiration date; and

4 Whereas, to prescribe a CDS in Maryland a physician must have three separate licenses: (1) a  
5 Maryland medical license, (2) a Maryland CDS registration (requiring a separate fee and is  
6 renewed on a different date than the Maryland medical license), and (3) a Federal DEA registration  
7 with a Maryland address; and

8 Whereas, approximately 50% of states nationwide do not require additional CDS registration in  
9 addition to a medical license to prescribe CDS (personal communication, Marie Grant, Director of  
10 Governmental Affairs, DHMH, November 7, 2013); and

11 Whereas, requiring a physician to obtain separate CDS registration adds unnecessary costs to all  
12 parties involved (the physician, the State of Maryland, and credentialing bodies such as hospitals  
13 and insurers that must track the registrations); and

14 Whereas, the District of Columbia has a model convenient process for renewing CDS registration  
15 and medical licensure simultaneously; therefore be it

16 Resolved, that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, work to simplify the CDS  
17 registration renewal process by combining it with the medical licensure renewal process so that  
18 they are done simultaneously with the payment of one (combined) fee; and be it further

19 Resolved, that MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, study options to simplify the CDS  
20 registration renewal process and make recommendations for legislative or regulatory actions to be  
21 presented by resolution at the September 2015 House of Delegates meeting.  
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24 As amended and approved by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 25, 2015.