

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 24-20

INTRODUCED BY: Cannabis Committee

SUBJECT: Telehealth Services for Medical Cannabis Certifications

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1 Whereas current telehealth rules regarding the written certification of medical cannabis require  
2 that, in order for a physician to conduct a medical cannabis evaluation, the physician must first  
3 conduct an in-person patient examination; and  
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5 Whereas, patients may choose to use medical cannabis telehealth services for subsequent follow-  
6 up visits to their medical cannabis physician; and  
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8 Whereas, the current state of emergency and proclamation of catastrophic health emergency  
9 stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic has led to the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission  
10 relaxing telehealth rules for issuing or renewing a written certification to a qualifying patient if  
11 the certifying provider: reviews the patient's medical records; completes an assessment of the  
12 patient's medical history and current medical condition; creates and maintains records of the  
13 patient's condition in accord with medically accepted standards; and determines that (i) the  
14 qualifying patient meets the certifying provider's inclusion criteria, (ii) the qualifying patient  
15 does not meet the certifying provider's exclusion criteria, and (iii) the potential benefits of the  
16 medical use of cannabis likely outweigh the health risks to the patient; and  
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18 Whereas, medical cannabis telehealth rules should continue to be relaxed for certain at-risk  
19 groups; therefore be it  
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21 Resolved, that MedChi advocate for hospice patients and patients obtaining renewals of written  
22 medical cannabis certifications to continue to be able to obtain said written certifications from  
23 telehealth services following the discontinuation of the state of emergency and catastrophic  
24 health emergency.  
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27 Fiscal Note: Included in existing legislative and regulatory advocacy budget.