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MEDCHI'S LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

For Physicians, Patients, & the Public Health

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, with its component medical societies, is the only association representing all physicians in Maryland. We thank our members for their sustaining support in helping to achieve these legislative victories and more:

MARYLAND CAP ON NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES Thwarted trial lawyers renewed attempt to triple the current Maryland cap on non-economic damages.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP) Ensured legislative provisions allowing direct reporting from the database to law enforcement or licensure boards were removed.

PHYSICIAN PAYMENT Restricted insurers' ability to reduce payment through use of "virtual credit cards."

PROTECTING MEDICAID Passed legislation to restore physician payments cut by previous administration.

FIGHTING MANDATES FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) Prohibited the State Board of Physicians from directing CME in specific areas of license renewal.

LICENSE FEES Passed legislation ending longtime routine diversion of license fees to unrelated programs.

DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS Clarified dispensing law to ensure that longstanding procedures will not be disrupted.

NETWORK ADEQUACY Won legislation providing the Insurance Commissioner with new authority to ensure that carriers have networks adequate to serve their members.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS Resisted attempts to weaken AOB law.

MedChi Fights To Protect Physicians and Patients:

RESTRICTED NATUROPATH PRACTICE to prevent use of legend drugs.

EXPANDED sterile needle exchange program.

PASSED LEGISLATION to implement 40% green house gas emission reduction by 2030.

IMPROVED FUNDING mechanism for HIV prevention and treatment programs.

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