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**DEFEND THE SCOPE OF MEDICAL PRACTICE SO PATIENTS ARE SEEN BY A PHYSICIAN:** MedChi will fight to ensure that all patients have access to physicians and that physician extenders have appropriate training and physician oversight. Individuals newly insured through ACA implementation have placed unprecedented demands on the health care system as they seek medical care. It is critical that patients have access to physicians and that non-physicians do not use increased demand to inappropriately increase their scope of practice.

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**PROTECTING MARYLAND’S CHILDREN:** MedChi will support the following initiatives to protect children:
- Initiatives to increase HPV immunization rates for children as recommended by the CDC;
- Childhood obesity initiatives that propose to reduce the consumption of sugary beverages and other unhealthy food choices;
- Continued efforts to ban minors’ use of commercial tanning beds;
- Measures to strengthen child safety seat and young driver laws.

**ENDING HEALTH DISPARITIES AND ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS:** MedChi will continue support of legislative and regulatory initiatives to reduce health disparities as well as initiatives to address homelessness, affordable housing and their impact on public health.

**STRENGTHEN MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM:** MedChi will continue to strongly oppose trial lawyer attempts to increase the “cap” on damages in medical malpractice cases and to abolish the defense of contributory negligence. MedChi will continue to support efforts to establish a pilot project for specialized health courts, limit repeated continuances in medical malpractice cases, and otherwise work to protect and strengthen the legal liability environment for physicians.

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**MAKING MARYLAND A TOBACCO-FREE STATE:** MedChi will advocate for continued increases in the Tobacco Tax in order to discourage smoking and to help fund Medicaid and restore enhanced E&M payment for all physicians serving Medicaid enrollees. MedChi will also support legislation prohibiting the sale of tobacco products by businesses that provide health care or dispense medications.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** MedChi will support the reauthorization of Maryland’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act consistent with the consensus recommendations of the Governor’s Climate Change Commission of regarding new goals and program structure. MedChi’s advocacy will remain in accordance with AMA policy on Climate Change.

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**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES** to discuss important issues with legislators.

**STAY INFORMED ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES** affecting your practice and profession by reading MedChi’s weekly e-newsletter, MedChi News, the quarterly magazine, Maryland Medicine, and visiting www.medchi.org. All members are welcome to attend the legislative preview and other events presented by the MMPAC.

**EMAIL OR PHONE YOUR SENATORS AND DELEGATES** when MedChi or your component sends you a legislative alert about a bill. Visit the Legislative Action Center at www.medchi.org. Remember to donate to the MMPAC and help keep physician-friendly legislation in Annapolis.

**TESTIFY AT A COMMITTEE HEARING** by contacting your component medical society for details.

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