



*The Maryland State Medical Society*

News: For Immediate Release  
Additional Information Contact:  
Gene M. Ransom, CEO  
Office: 410-539-0872 x 3305

## **MEDCHI SHARES 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

BALTIMORE, January 4, 2022 – MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, has released its 2022 Legislative Agenda which seeks to address a wide range of issues for the 2022 General Assembly Session. Dr. Loralie Ma, MedChi President, states, “as we get ready to enter into the 2022 legislative session, our main focus at MedChi will be to continue to serve as Maryland’s foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients, and the public health while still navigating through a public health crisis.”

Among the issues that MedChi follows, the list below will be top priorities in 2022:

- Seek funding for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP), which provides loan repayment to primary care physicians working in underserved areas of Maryland, and also advocate for returning Evaluation and Management (E&M) reimbursement rates to 100% of Medicare for the fiscal year 2023.
- Work to educate state legislators on the administrative burdens placed on physicians due to prior authorization requirements and the negative effect the process can have on patient care delivery.
- Strive to ensure that actions of the Maryland Board of Physicians and its staff during the disciplinary process are transparent and that the laws governing the Board provide for accountability.
- Support expansion of Maryland’s crisis treatment centers throughout the state and addressing access to care barriers for behavioral health services and the opioid crisis.
- Advocate for public health and safety initiatives including increasing immunization rates for children; encouraging creation of enhanced health education programs and development of health workforce mentorship programs; prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products; and equitable access to public transportation.

The complete 2022 Legislative Agenda can be found at <https://www.medchi.org/Law-and-Advocacy/Testimony-Positions-Archives>.

### About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).