

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution __-24

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SUBJECT: Need for Data to Inform MedChi Policy & Legislative Actions

1 Whereas, data is one of the most valuable assets in today’s rapidly evolving healthcare
2 landscape, driving informed decision-making and shaping the future of patient care; and
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4 Whereas, data-driven decision-making is essential for lawmakers, regulators, and policy
5 influencers, as evidence-based information forms the backbone of sound policy formulation
6 and regulatory frameworks; and
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8 Whereas, MedChi physicians and leaders are increasingly asked by state and federal
9 legislators to provide concrete data to support their positions on issues such as third-party
10 payment inadequacies, workforce shortages, and patient care challenges; and
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12 Whereas, without readily accessible data, MedChi is at a significant disadvantage in
13 effectively advocating for meaningful change on behalf of its members and the broader
14 healthcare community; and
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16 Whereas, the current healthcare environment is complex, with rapid changes in
17 reimbursement models, workforce dynamics, and patient care needs that require real-time,
18 accurate data to support advocacy efforts; and
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20 Whereas, MedChi has engaged consultants and firms in the past to survey physician trends
21 and workforce needs, recognizing the critical importance of data in shaping policy; and
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23 Whereas, MedChi has taken steps to enhance its internal physician demographic data, but
24 lacks a comprehensive and centralized resource capable of providing economic, payer,
25 hospital, financial, health status, and demographic information on a continuous basis; and
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27 Whereas, having a dedicated, in-house data resource would greatly strengthen MedChi’s
28 ability to respond to legislative and regulatory inquiries, bolster its lobbying efforts, and better
29 advocate for physicians and patients across the state; therefore be it
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31 RESOLVED, that MedChi commit the necessary resources to develop and maintain a
32 repository of current economic, payer, hospital, financial, health status, and demographic
33 data, and make this resource available to MedChi physicians, leaders, staff, and contract
34 lobbyists to support policy initiatives and legislative actions; and that MedChi prioritize the
35 acquisition and integration of this economic, payer, hospital, financial, health status, and
36 demographic data repository as a critical function of its policy and advocacy efforts to ensure

37 that it remains a leading voice in healthcare policy in Maryland and beyond.
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Fiscal Note: