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MEDCHI APPLAUDS LEGISLATURE FOR BIRTH INJURY FUND

General Assembly Creates Task Force to Craft Solution

BALTIMORE, April 10, 2014 – MedChi applauds the General Assembly for taking critical steps forward during the 2014 legislative session toward a long-term solution to the state’s looming crisis of access to maternity services for Maryland mothers. Under language adopted as part of the budget, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is directed to convene a group of interested stakeholders to craft a solution to barriers in Maryland related to access to obstetrical care, including how the concept of a birth injury fund could be adapted for Maryland.

“Maryland physicians are concerned about the state’s worsening medical liability environment, which was recently given an ‘F’ grade by the American College of Emergency Physicians,” said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. “The field of obstetrics is especially impacted and we welcome the General Assembly’s interest in finding innovative solutions in order to protect and preserve access to quality obstetrics care in our rural and urban communities.”

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.