



*The Maryland State Medical Society*

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## **CHARLES COUNTY TO ESTABLISH NEW PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME IN NANJEMOY**

*MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and Charles County Department of Health are  
Awarded with Local Health Improvement Coalition and State Health Improvement Grant*

BALTIMORE, July 29, 2013 — The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) has awarded MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and the Charles County Department of Health, a grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the establishment of *The Partnerships for a Healthier Charles County*. The purpose of the Partnership is to ensure that all Charles County residents have access to primary care services.

Charles County Health Department will launch a new Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) to expand access and deliver health care services in an underserved area of western Charles County. MedChi CEO Gene Ransom explained "MedChi is committed to reducing disparities and increase access as the foremost advocate for public health in Maryland." In addition to supporting the State Health Improvement Process (SHIP), this grant also carries out the state's Health Enterprise Zones (HEZ) Initiative, which provides a range of incentives to expand access, reduce health disparities, and reduce hospital admissions/re-admissions.

"The CHRC is delighted to support the State Health Improvement Process and build the capacity of Local Health Improvement Coalitions," commented John A. Hurson, Chairman, and Community Health Resources Commission. "We are looking forward to continuing to work with DHMH and others to help expand access and improve overall population health in Maryland." "The Charles County Department of Health would like to thank the Maryland Community Health Resource Commission for awarding us this grant. The new Patient-Centered Medical Home will help further several of the goals of the Partnerships for a Healthier Charles County. Some of the initiatives the medical home will positively impact are access to care, chronic disease management, and health care disparities" exclaimed Charles County Health Officer Diana Abney, MD.

Charles County Health Department will host a press event on Wednesday, July 31 at 4:00 p.m. announcing major players and objectives of *The Partnerships for a Healthier Charles County*.

### 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).

### About The Charles County Department of Health

The Charles County Department of Health is a local office of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The mission of the Charles County Department of Health is to protect, promote, and assure the health of the community and its citizens. For more information, please visit [www.charlescountyhealth.org](http://www.charlescountyhealth.org).