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**THE CENTER FOR A HEALTHY MARYLAND, AFFILIATE OF MEDCHI  
RECEIVES NEW LEADERSHIP GRANT FROM THE PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION**

*Center for a Healthy Maryland, Inc. Receives a Two-Year Grant from The Physicians Foundation  
to Establish a Certificate Program in Physician Leadership at the  
Maryland Physician Leadership Institute*

**BALTIMORE, MD** (June 4, 2015) – The Physicians Foundation has awarded the Center for a Healthy Maryland, Inc., an affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, a two-year grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the implementation of a Certificate Program in Physician Leadership. This project will expand the Maryland Physician Leadership Institute, developed under a previous Physician Foundation Leadership Innovation Grant, by creating a Certificate Program in Physician Leadership and offering the program both online and in diverse Maryland geographic areas. It is anticipated that this program will empower and encourage leadership – to equip physicians with critical information in the era of health reform, and help them understand why their leadership is critical to the healthcare delivery system, the future of Medicine, and ultimately, to the health of their patients. The program will consist of distinct topics, rolled out in a series of online presentations, followed by a live, interactive session in each of four regions of the state.

“This is an important initiative to help Maryland physicians cultivate valuable leadership skills,” said Walker Ray, MD, President, The Physicians Foundation. “We are pleased to fund and support the Center for a Healthy Maryland and the great work that will emanate from this grant.”

“We are very pleased that the Center for a Healthy Maryland at MedChi has once again been recognized for our extensive experience in physician training and advocacy,” said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. Project Director Roberta Herbst anticipates that “the Certificate Program in Physician Leadership will impart to physicians the knowledge and confidence to organize their colleagues and drive improvements in medicine.”

The Center for a Healthy Maryland (formerly MedChi Foundation) is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. The Center’s mission is to advance the practice of medicine, enhance the quality of medical care, and promote the health of the citizens of the State of Maryland. The Center’s programs are directed at the public to improve health status, and also focus on quality improvement and education, with programs for physicians to help them to better serve their patients. For more information, visit [www.healthymaryland.org](http://www.healthymaryland.org).

The Physicians Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to advance the work of practicing physicians and help facilitate the delivery of healthcare to patients. It pursues its mission through a variety of activities including grantmaking, research, white papers and policy studies. Since 2005, The Foundation has awarded numerous multi-year grants totaling close to \$36 million. In addition, The Foundation focuses on the following core areas: physician leadership, physician practice trends, physician shortage issues, and the impact of healthcare reform on physicians and patients. As the healthcare system in America continues to evolve, The Physicians Foundation is steadfast in its determination to strengthen the physician-patient relationship and assist physicians in sustaining their medical practices in today’s practice environment. For more information, visit [www.PhysiciansFoundation.org](http://www.PhysiciansFoundation.org) and follow The Foundation on Twitter at @PhysiciansFound to stay informed on the latest news.