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CMS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT FREDERICK COUNTY EVENT

BALTIMORE, May 6, 2016 — The Frederick County Medical Society will be holding a General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, where Barbara J. Connors, DO, MPH, CMS Chief Medical Officer Region III, will be speaking about the current CMS quality reporting programs and the proposed Rule that will describe the Merit Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternate Payment Models (APM) under the Physician Fee Schedule as well as the criteria for Physician Focused Payment Model described in MACRA.

Dr. Connors has served as Chief Medical Officer at The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Region III, for ten years. During her tenure, she also served as the Acting Associate Regional Administrator for the Division of Survey and Certification in CMS Northeast Consortium Regions I, II, and III. As the Chief Medical Officer, she is responsible for ensuring the provider community is cognizant of CMS health care quality improvement initiatives, reporting requirements, and the provisions in the ACA that impact the provider community. Dr. Connors interests are in population health and quality reporting.

Along with Dr. Connors, Gene Ransom, CEO, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and Jennifer Teeters, Frederick Memorial, will be in attendance to participate in the panel discussion. John Vitarello, MD, FACC will be the moderator for the event. Congressman Chris Van Hollen has been invited to attend.

During this meeting, several issues will be addressed. The panel hopes to encourage physicians to understand the new Medicare model and to see what Medicare is going to be in the future in hopes they will remain in Medicare. There will also be a discussion about the threat of concierge medicine. Lastly, there will be a discussion about getting Medicare doctors in the community to accept patients.

This meeting will take place at The Red Horse Steakhouse, 996 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21073. The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. Press is encouraged to attend as there will be physicians in attendance available for interviews. If you would like additional information on this program, please contact Erin Krell at 410-539-0872 ext. 3325.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. 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.