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PRACTICE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE GAINS CME APPROVAL FOR SIX CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SAN ANTONIO, September 5, 2012 — Practice Management Institute® (PMI) today announced that six of its continuing education programs for medical offices have gained approval for Continuing Medical Education Units. Another 15 core curriculum topics are presently under review.

Tina R. McIlwrath, CCMEP, Continuing Medical Education Manager for MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, spearheaded the application process that received *AMA PRA Category I Credits*[™].

“These classes offer hands-on learning opportunities for physicians in areas that medical school does not prepare them for, such as coding and billing, allowing their main focus to remain with patient care,” said McIlwrath. “I am looking forward to the continued collaboration between MedChi and PMI and the future educational opportunities this will bring.”

The CME-approved classes are: ICD-10 Coding Workshop, Mastering E/M Coding, Correct Coding for Physician Services, Chart Auditing Workshop and two Coding by Specialty topics: OB/GYN, and Pediatrics. These classes are offered in hospitals, medical societies and colleges throughout the country.

McIlwrath said that she is very excited that MedChi’s Committee on Scientific Activity has reviewed several PMI’s courses.

“I am really looking forward to the new doors this opens for PMI and MedChi, the continued cooperation this will lead to, the fantastic learning opportunities this offers to physicians, and the improved patient care that this will result in,” said McIlwrath.

MedChi is committed to CME that is evidence-based, clinically relevant to all learners, valid in content, transparent and free of bias or commercial influence, and grounded in the principles of adult learning.

The Mission of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society is to serve as Maryland’s foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health.

The MedChi Department of Continuing Medical Education (DCME) complements this mission through its work in two areas: the development, planning, design and implementation of educational activities that strive to meet the needs of physicians; and through a recognized system of accreditation for intrastate organizations that wish to provide accredited continuing medical education activities.

“It is a pleasure to be working with MedChi, at this very exciting time,” said Michael Moore, PMI’s Director of Outreach and Network Development. “This partnership is one we are all proud of.” PMI is the training, networking and credentialing source for medical office professionals. For 30 years, physicians and their staff have looked to PMI for training that contributes to a more efficient, profitable and compliant office. Classes are hosted in 300 of the nation’s leading hospitals, medical societies and colleges. PMI awards certification by exam to accomplished medical office coding,

reimbursement, and management professionals. In all, more than 17,000 medical office professionals have earned their credentials through PMI.

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.