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MEDCHI CARE TRANSFORMATION ORGANIZATION (CTO) AWARDED \$250 THOUSAND GRANT TO ACCEPT NEW PRACTICES INTO PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Grant opens up slots for Maryland-based ambulatory care practices to complete select practice transformation milestones

BALTIMORE, July 12, 2022 — MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is pleased to announce that the Maryland Health Care Commission has awarded a second grant of \$250 thousand to MedChi Care Transformation Organization (CTO) to encourage sign-up of additional qualifying primary care and specialty practices in the practice transformation program.

The first grant was competitively awarded to MedChi CTO in June 2021, for the purpose of engaging up to fifty Maryland-based ambulatory practices to complete select practice transformation "milestones". The milestones included assessing practice readiness for transformation, redesigning workflows, and guiding practices through the completion of the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) Seven Support Change Package Modules. The TCPI modules provide practices with techniques that – once implemented, can improve patient outcomes.

The recent grant now expands the program to allow for additional practices to participate. For practices that qualify, benefits include a complimentary practice assessment, a customized practice workflow, and free training for staff. The application can be <u>found</u> <u>here</u>. MedChi CEO Gene Ransom applauded the support, adding "As more and more physicians move to value-based contracting, this transformation grant gives them the pathway to get started".

The MedChi Care Transformation Organization is a program that was created jointly by MedChi and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to promote and assist with the new Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) which launched January 1, 2019. The role of the MedChi Care Transformation Organization (CTO) is to provide support to practices via care management personnel, infrastructure, and technical assistance.

Questions about the program should be directed to <u>amills@medchi.org</u> or <u>bstallings@medchi.org</u>.

The MDPCP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical support to eligible Maryland primary care practices and Federally Qualified Health Centers for the delivery of advanced primary care. MDPCP supports allow primary care providers to play an expanded role in prevention, management of chronic disease, and preventing unnecessary hospital utilization.

There are currently a total of 24 approved Care Transformation Organizations (CTOs) that are actively participating in the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) and providing services to partner practices; the MedChi CTO is one them.

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.