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OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 15, 2018

BALTIMORE, December 4, 2018 – Open enrollment to buy, change, or renew a qualified health plan for 2019 will end **December 15** for healthcare starting on January 1, 2019. Remember that Medicaid enrollment is year-round, and Medicaid-eligible Marylanders may start their coverage immediately. Marylanders who are enrolled in Medicaid must renew their Medicaid coverage once a year through the Maryland Health Connection.

For those who want to enroll in a Medicare plan or change their Medicare coverage, Medicare Open Enrollment will continue through December 15. For additional Medicare plan information, individuals may call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov. Individuals do not need to renew their coverage if they are satisfied with their current plans, and those plans are still offered through Medicare.

Gene Ransom, Chief Executive Officer of MedChi, stresses the importance of making sure you get the best health care plan for you and your family. “It is important to consider the factors surrounding the basic health care plans. You should make sure your family physicians are in-network; if not, it can cost you extra money. If you or a family member takes a prescription medication, you should check the list of plan-approved drugs. When considering a health care plan, it is also good to consider out of pocket costs like co-pays and deductibles so you have an accurate idea of overall costs. It is also important to read the plan details thoroughly so you don’t miss any important information in the fine print.”

If you have any questions about Open Enrollment, call 1-800-492-1056 x 3311 (toll-free).

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.