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MEDCHI STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF MARYLAND PHYSICIANS BOARD LOWERING FEES

BALTIMORE, October 23, 2018 — Today, Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland Board of Physicians approved a fee reduction that will save its licensees more than \$1.1 million over the next two fiscal years. In addition to the increased focus on fiscal responsibility and increased transparency, the Board has decreased timeframes for licensure applications and investigations, implemented Criminal History Records Checks for all applicants and licensees, and issued opioid guidelines.

"MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, thanks the Hogan Administration and the Board of Physicians for these welcome fee reductions," said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi. "These fiscally responsible operational changes will greatly benefit not only MedChi's membership base, but the Maryland residents they serve."

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.