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MEDCHI PROVIDES AT NO COST SERVICE TO THE FIRST AID ROOM IN STATE HOUSE IN ANNAPOLIS

BALTIMORE, February 19, 2025 — Some people may be surprised to learn that there is a First Aid Room in the State House in Annapolis. The Carolyn McCoy First Aid Room is equipped with oxygen, a hospital bed, wheelchair, crutches, thermometers, stethoscope, and a blood pressure cuff. There are also a variety of over-the-counter medications provided including aspirin, cough and cold preparations, and antacids. These medications are graciously donated each year.

Carolyn McCoy was a registered nurse who worked in the First Aid Room throughout the 70's, 80's, and 90's. With all her years of service to the General Assembly, Mrs. McCoy was the subject of several House and Senate resolutions and was inducted into The Speakers Society of the House of Delegates, becoming one of the few inductees never to have served in the House. If you visit the First Aid room you will notice a bronze plaque outside that states "The Carolyn McCoy First Aid Room is a service to the Citizens of the State of Maryland Generously provided by MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society".

For many years MedChi has scheduled physicians to volunteer as "Physician of the Day" in the First Aid Room during Legislative Session. The "Physician of the Day" program provides an opportunity for MedChi members to interface with legislators and provides valuable assistance to all those who need medical help in the General Assembly complex. MedChi funds a nurse on the premises every session day to assist the MedChi Physician of the Day, giving the physician more time to spend in the chambers observing the Senate and House. "MedChi is honored to provide this important free service to legislators and visitors to the State Capital every session" explained MedChi CEO, Gene Ransom.

Time slots to volunteer include Monday evenings from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM throughout the 2025 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session. Furthermore, there will also be a schedule of hearings and meetings that deal with health-related issues posted in the first aid room. The MedChi Physician of the Day is encouraged to attend these meetings, as well.

For more information about volunteering in the First Aid Room please visit <https://www.medchi.org/Your-Advocate/Advocacy-Content/Physician-of-The-Day>.

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.