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## **MARYLANDS FIRST STATEWIDE ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION GATHERING**

BALTIMORE, March 5, 2013 — The physician-led Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) supported by MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, are gathering in Baltimore for the first statewide Maryland Accountable Care Coalition meeting. Leadership from the ACO of Western Maryland, the ACO of the Eastern Shore, and the Lower Shore ACO will join together to discuss creative approaches to patient-centered care and new delivery models.

MedChi helped form the three ACOs during the past year once positive regulations were released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. All three ACOs were Advance Payment ACO recipients within the Medicare Shared Savings Program. MedChi Network Services is establishing a shared infrastructure to support secure, real-time data exchange and coordination.

“The ACO program presents us with some exciting opportunities. We will have the incentives and the tools to analyze our patient data in new ways to enhance the care we deliver,” says Adam Weinstein, MD, Medical Director of the Eastern Shore ACO. The ACOs and MedChi will continue to serve physicians and patients across the state as this and other programs evolve.

### 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](http://www.medchi.org).

### About MedChi Network Services

MedChi Network Services is a collaboration between MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and Health Prime International. The mission is to help physicians collaborate to enhance patient care and advance the private practice of medicine. MedChi Network Services is an accredited state-designated management services organization and leader in the field of health information technology. MedChi Network Services operates three physician-led Accountable Care Organizations across the state.