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**THE CENTER FOR A HEALTHY MARYLAND, AFFILIATE OF MEDCHI
RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION**

*Center for a Healthy Maryland, Inc. is Awarded its First Physicians Foundation Grant
to Establish the Center for the Employed Physician*

BALTIMORE, MD (October 4, 2012) – The Physicians Foundation has awarded the Center for a Healthy Maryland, Inc., an affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, a grant in the amount of \$97,977 for the establishment of the Center for the Employed Physician. The proposed Center will create resources and educational programming which meet the needs of physicians in Maryland who are employed by hospitals or large group practices. This is the first year that the Center for a Healthy Maryland has won an award from the Physicians Foundation. The Foundation has awarded Medical Practice Support Grants to six organizations totaling \$588,762.

“The Physicians Foundation is committed to helping doctors build leadership skills and continue in their development,” said Lou Goodman, Ph.D., president of The Physicians Foundation and CEO of the Texas Medical Association. “As physicians navigate today’s challenging practice environment, a focus on physician leadership training is vital for continued healthcare excellence.”

“We are very pleased that the Center for a Healthy Maryland at MedChi has been recognized for our extensive experience in physician training and advocacy,” said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. “We anticipate that The Center for the Employed Physician will serve as a model for other state medical societies and physician professional organizations in meeting the unique needs of the employed physician and those considering a transition to the employed setting.”

The Center for a Healthy Maryland (formerly MedChi Foundation) is an affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. The Center’s mission is to advance the practice of medicine, enhance the quality of medical care, and promote the health of the citizens of the State of Maryland. The Center’s programs are directed at the public to improve health status, and also focus on quality improvement and education, with programs for physicians to help them to better serve their patients. For more information, visit www.healthymaryland.org.

The Physicians Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to advance the work of practicing physicians and help facilitate the delivery of healthcare to all patients. It pursues its mission through a variety of activities including grantmaking, research, white papers and policy studies. Since 2005, The Foundation has awarded numerous multi-year grants totaling more than \$28 million. In addition, The Foundation focuses on the following core areas: physician leadership, physician practice trends, physician shortage issues, and the impact of healthcare reform on physicians and patients. As the healthcare system in America continues to evolve, The Physicians Foundation is steadfast in its determination to strengthen the physician-patient relationship and assist physicians in sustaining their medical practices in a difficult practice environment. For more information, visit www.PhysiciansFoundation.org.