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MEDCHI RESPONDS TO CMS RELEASE OF DATA

BALTIMORE, April 11, 2014 – MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, and their President Elect, Tyler Cymet, DO, released the following statement about the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) releasing Medicare data.

“We need to be very careful in choosing what data sets are released by CMS.

Transparency, although of high value, must not be permitted to compromise patient privacy. For example, CMS must ensure that data regarding the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases is not released in a form that allows it to be manipulated in a way that would reveal the identification of individual patients. Patients must continue to feel assured that the privacy of their medical information is the top concern of all involved in the health care system.”

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.