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DEA NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY – APRIL 27TH

BALTIMORE, April 9, 2013—The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is having a nationwide prescription drug take-back day on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information about this event you can visit the DEA webpage (www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback).

This is the safest way to dispose of unneeded and expired medication. Doing this helps prevent drug abuse and protects the environment. Three in five teenagers say prescription pain relievers are easy to obtain from their parents' medicine chests and over half of prescription drug abusers obtain the medicines from a friend or relative.

The Alliance to MedChi has an ongoing Safe Disposal of Medicine project to promote Drug Abuse Prevention, Environmental Protection, and Identity Theft Prevention. The project encourages people to get unneeded medicine out of the home as quickly as possible either through "take back" programs or through proper preparation and disposal in the trash.

Dr. Brian Avin, MedChi President, states "MedChi, the Medical Society, encourages our patients, friends, family members and all Marylanders to participate in this program to prevent these drugs from being ingested and to protect our environment."

About the Alliance to MedChi

The Alliance to MedChi is part of the Maryland State Medical Society, serving as a coordinating body to provide communication between the county and national alliances. We provide support of the medical profession, support for our members, information on health-related topics relevant to the profession, leadership training and seminars for county officers and members and assistance to counties in implementing local programs and projects.

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.