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MEDCHI APPLAUDS GOVERNOR HOGAN ON NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

BALTIMORE, June 15, 2015 — Howard Haft, M.D., a Waldorf doctor, and MedChi member, has been named as the new deputy secretary of public health at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Governor Larry Hogan announced on Friday. Gene Ransom, MedChi CEO, applauded Governor Hogan's decision to select Haft. Ransom expressed excitement regarding the pick given Haft's vast experience and knowledge of Maryland health care.

Howard Haft, M.D., has 27 years of clinical experience in primary internal medicine and 10 years of hospital-based emergency medicine, clinical and leadership experience. He also worked early in his career as a consultant in internal medicine for the state of California's Department of Mental Health; at that time, his academic affiliation was with the University of California, Davis. Dr. Haft was founder, president and medical director of Maryland HealthCare Associates, where he established a multispecialty medical practice. He was founder and president of the Maryland Foundation for Quality Healthcare, which provided health care education to uninsured and under-insured Marylanders.

Most recently, he served as chief medical officer at Health Partners, a Waldorf-based charitable clinic serving Charles County and surrounding areas. Dr. Haft currently serves on the MedChi Board of Trustees as the Southern Maryland Trustee.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. 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.