



*The Maryland State Medical Society*

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## **APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE STATE-PAYOR EHR INCENTIVES**

BALTIMORE, October 8, 2014 — MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, successfully lobbied the State to create the State-Regulated Payor EHR Incentive Program. Maryland is the first state with additional incentives for primary care physicians above the Federal Medicare/Medicaid Meaningful Use program. Physicians can begin applying for EHR incentives as early as October 7, 2014, but have until December 2016 to apply.

The EHR incentive is a one-time cash incentive, or an incentive of equivalent value agreed upon by the primary care practice and payor. Incentives of equivalent value include: specific services; lump sum payments; gain-sharing arrangements; rewards for quality and efficiency; in-kind payments; or other items or services that can be assigned a specific monetary value. Practices are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 per practice per payor.

The incentive is calculated at \$25 for each patient who is a Maryland resident and enrolled in a fully insured health benefits plan assigned by the payor to a provider within the primary care practice at the time a practice makes a request for the incentive payment.

Gene M. Ransom, CEO of MedChi states “MedChi worked hard with the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to create this program, we need our members to take advantage of the incentives.” MedChi has people on staff ready to help any physician apply for the incentive payments, just call 410-539-0872 ext. 3324 for help.

For more information visit our website at [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).

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