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### **MEDCHI APPLAUDS BRIAN FROSH ON TOBACCO DECISION**

BALTIMORE, February 23, 2016 — Today, Attorney General Brian E. Frosh and the Office of the Attorney General announced that Maryland will finally be able to recoup approximately \$45 million owed by tobacco companies.

A decision was made last fall by the Court of Special Appeals awarding a year's worth of payments owed under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with tobacco manufacturers. Today, The Maryland Court of Appeals has declined further review of a funding challenge, which means this decision will remain in place.

MedChi would like to applaud Brian Frosh and the Office of the Attorney General on this victory. Gene Ransom, MedChi CEO, states "we are excited for this victory, we know that a lot of time and effort went into making this happen."

#### About MedChi

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