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DR. HAFT TO PRESENT PREVENTING BIRTH DEFECTS THROUGH ZIKA INTERVENTION

BALTIMORE, April 21, 2016 — The Charles County Medical Society will be holding a General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 28, where Howard Haft, M.D., MMM, CPE, Deputy Secretary for Public Health, Maryland DHMH will be speaking on Preventing Birth Defects through Zika Intervention.

As Deputy Secretary for Public Health, Dr. Haft has been spearheading the Maryland effort to prevent the Zika virus from becoming a public health threat in Maryland. To date, one case of Zika infection has been detected in Maryland, in a patient who had recently traveled to a country where Zika transmission has been active and ongoing.

Dr. Haft 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.

Among his numerous accomplishments, he co-founded ConMed Health Inc. in 1984 and served as its chief medical officer. ConMed is a Maryland-based provider of correctional health care services to county and municipal detention facilities in 15 states. He retired from ConMed in 2010. Dr. Haft was also founder, president, and medical director of Maryland HealthCare Associates, where he established a multi-specialty 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.

This meeting will take place at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, LaPlata, MD 20646, Commissioners Hearing Room. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. If you would like additional information on this program, please contact Erin Krell at 410-539-0872 ext. 3325.

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