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**MEDCHI APPLAUDS DHMH ON NEW PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
REQUIRED FOR MINORS USE OF TANNING BEDS**

BALTIMORE, November 20, 2013 – MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society applauds the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) for finalizing revisions to the form that tanning facilities must use to obtain consent from a parent or legal guardian before a minor may use a tanning device. State law enacted in 2008 prohibits tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices without written consent from a parent or legal guardian.

Following two rounds of public comment and input from the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council and the Council on Cancer Control, the consent form has finally been revised.

During the first 2012 General Assembly Session MedChi asked for legislation to prohibit the use of tanning devices by minors under the age of 18 which was unsuccessful, so this is an exciting step forward. MedChi CEO, Gene Ransom, stated “MedChi applauds the new form, as it will better educate parents and children regarding the real dangers of tanning beds.”

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.