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THE CENTER FOR A HEALTHY MARYLAND, AFFILIATE OF MEDCHI RECEIVES NEW LEADERSHIP GRANT FROM THE PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION

Center for a Healthy Maryland, Inc. Receives Two-Year Grant from The Physicians Foundation to Continue the Certificate Program in Physician Leadership at the Maryland Physician Leadership Institute

BALTIMORE, MD (September 18, 2017) – The Physicians Foundation has awarded the Center for a Healthy Maryland, Inc., an affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society (the Center), a two-year grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the continuing improvement, implementation, and expansion of the Certificate Program in Physician Leadership (the Program). The Program was developed and implemented by the Center’s Maryland Physician Leadership Institute under two prior grants from The Physicians Foundation in 2013-2014 and in 2015-2017. The Certificate Program in Physician Leadership is a unique, hybrid course, delivered in both online and face-to-face sessions to physicians in diverse Maryland practice settings and geographic areas. Thirty-seven physicians have already “graduated” from the program and have given it laudable reviews. In the coming grant period the Certificate course will be offered to physicians and the graduates will have the opportunity to enroll in newly developed advanced leadership courses.

“More than ever, physicians need to be at the center of the healthcare discussion to advocate for patients and lead change,” said Walker Ray, MD, President, The Physicians Foundation. “We are proud to offer support and funding to the Center for a Healthy Maryland to provide unique leadership opportunities for their physicians to achieve this goal.”

“We are very pleased that the Center for a Healthy Maryland at MedChi has once again been recognized for our extensive experience in physician training and advocacy,” said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. Roberta Herbst, Project Director said, “the Center welcomes the opportunity to continue the Certificate Program in Physician Leadership and to update and expand it to meet the needs of Maryland physicians.”

About The Center

The Center for a Healthy Maryland (formerly MedChi Foundation) is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. The Center’s mission is to advance the practice of medicine, enhance the quality of medical care, and promote the health of the citizens of the State of Maryland. The Center’s programs are directed at the public to improve health status, and also focus on quality improvement and education, with programs for physicians to help them to better serve their patients. For more information, visit www.healthymaryland.org.

About The Physicians Foundation

The Physicians Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that seeks to advance the work of practicing physicians and help facilitate the delivery of healthcare to patients. It pursues its mission through a variety of activities including grantmaking, research, white papers and policy studies. The Foundation focuses on the following core areas: physician leadership, physician practice trends, physician shortage issues, and the impact of healthcare reform on physicians and patients. As the healthcare system in America continues to evolve, The Physicians Foundation is steadfast in its determination to strengthen the physician-patient relationship and assist physicians in sustaining their medical practices in today’s practice environment. For more information, visit www.PhysiciansFoundation.org and follow The Foundation on Twitter at @PhysiciansFound to stay informed on the latest news.