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MEDCHI STATEMENT ON GENERAL ASSMEBLY ACTION ON KEY OPIOID MEASURES

Applauds Action taken on Start Talking Maryland and HOPE and Treatment Act of 2017

ANNAPOLIS, March 24 2017 - MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, applauds The Maryland General Assembly for taking action today on two proposals that stand out as comprehensive real solutions addressing the opioid crisis and urge final passage of both legislative Acts.

Gene Ransom MedChi CEO explained “The Start Talking Maryland Act and the Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017 represent a comprehensive, prevention and treatment-focused approach.” Ransom further opined “MedChi along with the AMA strongly supports provisions of the bills that create new treatment centers for patients with substance use disorders and increased emphasis on youth education to help children understand the risks of opioid misuse and illicit drug use.”

About MedChi

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