



The Maryland State Medical Society

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MEDCHI STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF MARYLAND MEDICARE WAIVER

BALTIMORE, July 9, 2018 — Today, Governor Larry Hogan, Maryland Department of Health Secretary Robert R. Neall, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) hosts the Maryland Total Cost of Care All-Payer Model (Maryland Model) Contract Signing Ceremony on Monday, July 9, commemorating Maryland beginning the next phase of health care innovation.

Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi reacted to the news with excitement. “MedChi applauds the extension of the Maryland Medicare Waiver as a monumental achievement which is the result of bipartisan leadership and hard work by the Hogan Administration with the Federal Government, the Maryland General Assembly and the Maryland Congressional Delegation. MedChi is particularly excited about the new Maryland Primary Care Program that will expand Medicare service and access to thousands of Marylanders.”

The Maryland Model is unique to Maryland and made possible via a contract between CMS and the state. It aims to control the growth in health care costs, both at hospitals and community settings, while improving patient outcomes and quality of care. This comprehensive approach ensures the patient is at the center of decision making and their needs are being met with greater transparency and accountability.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. 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.