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## **MEDCHI STATEMENT ON ALL PAYER CONTRACT EXTENSION**

*“All-Payer Contract extended one year while parties work toward long term agreement”*

ANNAPOLIS MD - The federal government has agreed to approve a one-year extension of Maryland’s All-Payer Hospital Model Contract. The mutually agreed-upon extension of time will allow the federal government to complete its review and to consider four years of performance through the end of 2017. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will have the opportunity to evaluate 2017 Medicare data in early 2018. Maryland’s current All-Payer Hospital Model Contract and amendments will be extended from an expiration date of December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, continues as a key partner in the multiyear process to negotiate the new agreement. The All-Payer contract, also known as the Maryland Medicare Waiver, contemplates increased physician activity changing from one totally based on hospital payments looking to the total cost of care in Maryland.

MedChi CEO, Gene M. Ransom III, responded to the news of the extension. “The hard work of the Administration is paying dividends; the extension is great news as a positive step toward a new all-payer contract for Maryland. We all need to continue to work in a positive bi-partisan fashion to get the last part of this important agreement over the finish line.”

The longer term agreement under consideration includes pro physician protects negotiated by the physician community.

### 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](http://www.medchi.org).