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**MEDCHI JOINS REPRESENTATIVES ELIJAH CUMMINGS AND JOHN  
SARBANES IN PRAISING MARYLAND'S NEW LAW BANNING THE  
PHARMACY "GAG RULE"**

BALTIMORE, May 2, 2018 – On Thursday, May 3 at Noon, at the Episcopal Diocesan Center, 4 East University Parkway in Baltimore City, Representatives Elijah Cummings and John Sarbanes will join the Maryland Health Care For All! Coalition, MedChi, and other Maryland health leaders in highlighting Maryland's new law, which bans the use of the "gag rule." A "gag rule" is used by some pharmaceutical benefit managers (PBM's) to prohibit pharmacists from telling a consumer about less expensive alternatives to the drug the consumer is trying to purchase. Maryland is now the eleventh state in the nation to ban this practice. Reps. Cummings and Sarbanes will especially thank the bill's lead sponsors, Senator Katherine Klausmeier and Delegate Eric Bromwell.

Gene Ransom, MedChi CEO, states, "MedChi strongly supports the ban of the "gag rule" and would like to thank Senator Kathy Klausmeier and Delegate Eric Bromwell for their hard work in making sure that Marylanders are able to afford medications that they need."

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