



*The Maryland State Medical Society*

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## **VOTERS WANT MORE PATIENT PROTECTIONS**

*MedChi poll shows strong support for Insurance Reform*

BALTIMORE, January 27, 2015 – MedChi released a public opinion poll of 500 likely 2016 Maryland voters. Eighty two Percent (82%) strongly favor legislation proposals that would require insurance companies to be open and transparent about what drugs are covered and what patients will pay. Seventy six percent (76%) say Maryland should crack down on discrimination against patients with pre-existing or life threatening conditions. Seventy five percent (75%) support making prescription drug costs more transparent and predictable.

“MedChi is part of a coalition of patients and health care groups that believe Maryland should take common sense steps to advance patient protections by enabling access to transparent, dependable health care coverage, reasonable cost-sharing for prescription medicines, stronger physician networks, and the availability of plans that do not discriminate based on disease,” said Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi.

“Marylanders strongly favor legislative proposals requiring insurance companies to be open and transparent about what drugs are covered and what patients will pay, creating more tools to help patients calculate the cost of overall care; making prescription drugs under the plans more affordable and predictable; expanding the network of doctors, hospitals and providers in the Exchange; and cracking down on discrimination against patients with pre-existing conditions,” said Ransom.

### 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).