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MEDCHI TO SUPPORT MHA PROGRAM TO PROTECT KIDS FROM IDENTITY THEFT

BALTIMORE, October 20, 2015 — MedChi is announcing it will support and promote the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) Kid Safe program. MHA announced that Maryland's hospitals are partnering with the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and state Delegate Craig Zucker (D-District 14) to encourage parents and guardians of minors to place security freezes on their children's credit reports.

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, applauds the efforts of the Maryland Hospital Association in bringing attention to this important issue. Gene Ransom, III, MedChi CEO, states "There are no age limits to identity theft and it can happen easily and quickly. Physicians and other health practitioners need the tools to help parents protect their kid's financial future while they are not yet able to."

Del. Zucker first brought attention to this important issue during the 2015 General Assembly Session. Hospitals and pediatricians responded quickly to develop a public awareness campaign that will provide information to parents about how to prevent these growing attacks on children.

MedChi will work to spread awareness with its members of the new website, www.kidsafemaryland.org, that will provide details on how to place security freezes on a child's name and offers downloadable files for hospitals, pediatricians, other physicians and the public to print.

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.