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## FIRST HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE AND THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCE AFFINITY RELATIONSHIP

BALTIMORE, June 3, 2014—First Healthcare Compliance, a national provider of a comprehensive compliance solution to help healthcare providers efficiently implement an effective compliance program, jointly announces with MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, the official launch of their affinity relationship.

The First Healthcare Compliance Affinity program provides MedChi with an opportunity to refer members to First Healthcare Compliance, and to receive a notable 'members-only' discount as a new subscriber. First Healthcare Compliance will help MedChi members maintain focus on patient care by providing them with a comprehensive solution to implement and manage a compliance program that addresses HIPAA/HITECH, OSHA, the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark in a simple, efficient and effective manner, in one place.

"As First Healthcare Compliance continues to grow nationally, we are committed to developing new Affinity affiliates. It is a winning proposition for qualified organizations interested in offering an exciting new benefit to their members. We make it easy for our affiliates to do this by providing them with "ready to use" tools for communicating our compliance management solution to their members," said Julie Sheppard, Founder and President of First Healthcare Compliance. "We are thrilled that such a well-respected organization as MedChi is also committed to providing the resources and tools for healthcare practitioners and professionals to better manage their practice. We are confident that this new relationship will help us better reach physicians and other healthcare providers in private or small group practices, and healthcare networks or health systems in Maryland."

"Like us, our affiliates understand the pressing needs of this market for a comprehensive compliance solution," shares Julie Sheppard. "They recognize the incredibly limited resources available and the void that the First Healthcare Compliance comprehensive compliance solution fills."

## About First Healthcare Compliance

First Healthcare Compliance provides solution and services to address the needs of physicians and other healthcare providers and their staff in private or group practices, or those in healthcare networks and health systems, by offering innovative resources and tools to implement and maintain a high quality compliance program in a simple, effective and efficient manner. The new business model created by First Healthcare Compliance enables them to serve as a comprehensive, single-source compliance solution.

A privately-owned women business enterprise founded in 2012 in Wilmington, DE by Julie Sheppard, First Healthcare Compliance was created from the rising concern Julie had in witnessing the increasing demands being placed on physicians and other healthcare providers in private or group practices and on healthcare networks and health systems, to comply with the new rules and regulations of the Affordable Care Act. As a nurse, an attorney, and a physician's spouse, Julie identified a widening gap between the expectations of government and the reality of compliance for healthcare professionals. She recognized the opportunity available to fill the void of practical compliance resources and options to solve these needs; this became the impetus for the formation of First Healthcare Compliance. For more information, please visit www.lsthcc.com.

## 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.