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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: Annual Report: Health General 19-109-Grant Authority- Fiscal Year 2016 Grants Awarded

Dear Governor Hogan, Senator Miller, and Delegate Busch:

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is pleased to report on the grants awarded under Health General 19-109 for fiscal year 2016. Chapter 83 of 2014 authorized the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to award grants and make agreements with grantees or payees.

The law requires MHCC to provide information on its website that is easily accessible to the public about funds to be awarded and how to submit a proposal. Further, MHCC must submit an annual report to the General Assembly listing all funds awarded. This letter serves as the report for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016).

The MHCC awarded \$207,154 in grants in two rounds of competitive awards for entities demonstrating an ability to meet one of ten use cases for telehealth. The ten use cases were developed by the Maryland Telemedicine Task Force in the fall of 2014. These funds enabled the recipients to leverage over \$450,000 in matching funds to test the chosen use case. **Attachment 1** contains a brief description of each award.

The MHCC awarded \$239,422 in grant funding to the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients, the State Designated Health Information Exchange, for the development of an online provider directory. The provider directory is made available on the Maryland Health

Benefit Exchange website and is used by Maryland consumers to determine whether a provider participates in a Qualified Health Plan of Managed Care Organization.

The changes under Chapter 83 produce a more effective grant management process and better positioned MHCC to compete for additional federal and philanthropic grants in collaboration with non-profit organizations. The MHCC anticipates awarding additional telehealth grants in FY 2017 under our authority.

If you require further information on any of the awardees contact me at 410-764-3566.

Sincerely,



Ben Steffen
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cc: Thomas M. Middleton, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Shane Pendergrass, Vice Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Sarah Albert (5)

Attachment 1

<i>Name</i>	<i>Use Case</i>	<i>MHCC funding</i>	<i>Match</i>
Associated Black Charities (Dorchester & Caroline County)	Community association that assists minority and rural communities with navigating the health care system will utilize mobile tablets to facilitate primary care and behavioral health video consultations with a licensed nurse care coordinator from Choptank Community Health System.	\$30,000	\$90,000
Gerald Family Care, LLC (Prince George's County)	Patient Centered Medical Home practice will implement telehealth video consultations and image sharing services between patients at three family practice locations and Dimensions Health System specialists providing gastroenterology, orthopedics, neurology, and behavioral health services.	\$30,000	\$66,726
Union Hospital of Cecil County (Cecil County)	Builds upon the original grant proving chronic care patients with mobile tablets and peripheral devices to capture blood pressure, pulse, weight, and glucose levels to facilitate patient monitoring will support data sharing with primary care and Emergency Department providers.	\$30,000	\$60,000
MedPeds, LLC (MedPeds)	MedPeds, a family medicine practice, will be using a mobile device application with patients to facilitate 24/7 video-based telemedicine with MedPeds providers, make appointments, and access electronic health records with the goal of increasing patient access to primary care providers and improving outcomes for diabetic patients.	\$61,154	\$122,309
Gilchrist Greater Living (Gilchrist)	Gilchrist, a comprehensive primary care geriatric medical practice, will be providing senior patients with in-home telehealth monitoring devices to support case management and early intervention for chronically ill patients with the goal of reducing hospital admissions.	\$56,000	\$112,289
		\$207,154.00	\$451,324.00