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Maryland Child Abuse Medical Providers

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TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
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RE: **HB 1169: Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals**

Maryland Health General Article §13-2201-2207 established the Maryland CHAMP initiative (Child Abuse Medical Providers) in the Maryland Department of Health. The goal of Maryland CHAMP is to identify, recruit, train, and provide ongoing support, education, and expert consultation in the diagnosis and treatment of children with suspected child abuse and neglect.

HB 1169: Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals would require Maryland Health Professional Boards to post information about courses on the legal obligation of Maryland healthcare professionals to report child abuse and neglect, and on the identification of abused and neglected children.

Maryland CHAMP would be happy to assist with the identification and recommendation of relevant courses. We can also assist with modification of existing courses to include Maryland-specific reporting information and inclusion of material relevant to healthcare professionals.