

Suggested addition of another problem are from Lou Grimm – Comprehensive Care Facilities

Under the HSCRC's All-Payer Model Progression Plan (Global Payments System), Hospitals and Nursing Facilities are encouraged to work closely together with the goal of reducing hospital admissions and re-admissions while improving patient outcomes at lower total system costs. Further, under CMS regulatory initiatives, Nursing Homes will face federal reimbursement deductions when such reductions are not achieved. MHCC CON regulations limit Nursing Homes to offering a narrow scope of services. New models of care encourage collaboration and integration of services. Easing CON regulations would enable nursing home facilities to provide home health services to their post-discharge patients. Changes to the CON statute will allow Nursing Facilities to improve quality of care and continuity of care, while maintaining control of patient care for an appropriate period of time. Since Nursing Facilities are being held accountable, they must have greater control over follow-up care

Comment from Mark Meade

As a representative of the business community, the MidAtlantic Business Group on Health is concerned with health care value, and to the extent that the CON process limits duplication of services and expensive capital outlays for such services and the resultant costs to the community, we support the CON process. The business community recognizes the need for modernization and better coordination with the state health plan to deal with emerging issues in healthcare delivery and changes in area needs. We also recognize the vital role the health care industry plays in the state's economy and the advantages it receives from the All Payer system and its continuation. We hope that a collaborative approach can be adopted by all competing parties to address the dual missions of effective health care delivery and sustainable costs within the state.