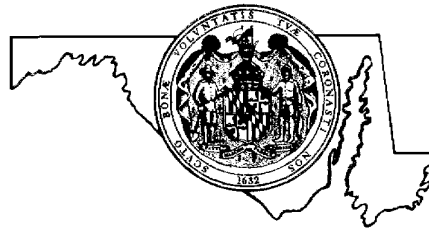


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SUBJECT: Palliative Care Pilot Project Patient Flagging Protocol

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Claudine and Oscar,

Please see the following details regarding the flag for MHCC's Palliative Care Pilot Project in the coming fiscal year. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

Paul

Flagging Time Period

Patients discharged between July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 should be flagged for this study.

Participating Hospitals

The following hospitals are participating in our pilot project.

- Carroll Hospital Center
- Doctor's Community Hospital
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- Howard County General Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- MedStar Union Memorial Hospital
- Meritus Health
- Peninsula Regional Medical Center
- Suburban Hospital
- Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

Palliative Care Patient Codes

MHCC is working closely with palliative care staff at each of the 11 pilot sites throughout this pilot study. The palliative care staff at each hospital will supply a list of inpatient and outpatient identifiers and a visit date identifier, along with a code 1, 2, 3 or 8 for each patient to HSCRC's data/case mix contact.

For the entirety of this project, the palliative care staff at each pilot site will either be coding patients 1-3 or 8. Categories 1-3 are mutually exclusive and a consistent coding protocol will be used at each pilot site for the entire year. Palliative care staff will have the responsibility to determine and understand the protocol used at each site.

After receiving the list of patients and codes, HSCRC's case mix representative should then code every other patient as a blank, to further ensure data accuracy.

- 1 = Patients who received a palliative care consult and accepted a palliative plan of care and were not referred to hospice care. This group includes patients who accepted a palliative plan of care and died in the hospital.
- 2 = Patients who received a palliative care consult and accepted a palliative plan of care specifying hospice care and were referred to hospice care.
- 3 = Patients who received a palliative care consult but did not accept a palliative care plan of care.
- 8 = All patients who received a palliative care consult.
- Blank = Not a palliative care pilot project study patient.

St. Paul Edits

- The designated data field should only be used by the pilot hospital sites listed above.

- Only 1-3 or 8 or blank are valid options per patient encounter in this field.