

Hospital Palliative Care Pilot Project: Study Components and Final Pilot Hospital Group

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House Bill 581 (2013 Session)

- MHCC to select at least 5 palliative care pilot programs, in a manner to ensure geographic balance
- Report to General Assembly by Dec 1, 2015
- Pilot programs to:
 - Collaborate with community providers
 - Gather data on costs, savings, access, and patient choice
 - Report to MHCC on best practices that can be used in the development of statewide standards

Request for Application Process


- Convened leadership group with MHA and OHCQ
- Conducted 15 phone interviews with 19 hospital palliative care programs
- Developed Request for Applications (RFA): October 18 - November 8, 2013
- 14 applications submitted; 3 were assessed as not meeting minimum criteria

Final Hospital Selection

| Name of Hospital | Number of Beds | Jurisdiction |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Carroll Hospital Center | 151 | Carroll |
| Doctors Community Hospital | 198 | Prince George's |
| Greater Baltimore Medical Center | 255 | Baltimore |
| Holy Cross Hospital | 397 | Montgomery |
| Johns Hopkins Hospital | 1,060 | Baltimore City |
| MedStar Union Memorial Hospital | 221 | Baltimore City |
| Meritus Health | 237 | Washington |
| Peninsula Regional Medical Center | 288 | Wicomico |
| Suburban Hospital | 236 | Montgomery |
| Upper Chesapeake Medical Center | 185 | Harford |

Process to date

- Hospital Palliative Care Advisory Group
 - December 17, 2013
 - January 29, 2014
 - March 25, 2014
- Reviewed Project Design Options
- Reviewed Data Collection Needs
- Established Subcommittees: Definitions; Standards; Out-of-Hospital Data; Satisfaction Surveys

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- *What are the key legislative questions and what is our approach for addressing them?*

How many Maryland hospitals have a palliative care program?

- MHCC survey of Maryland hospitals
- Data from OHCQ and MHA
- DHMH Cancer Collaborative Survey of Maryland hospitals



What are the structural and operational characteristics of these programs?

- MHCC survey
- DHMH Cancer Collaborative data
- Annual filing (2012-2013) submitted to Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) by pilot hospitals

What is the in-hospital experience of patients in Maryland palliative care programs?

- Data obtained by flagging palliative care patient discharges (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) at pilot hospitals in the HSCRC discharge data base (DDB)
- DDB includes demographic, diagnostic, use and charge data
- Findings from pilot hospital studies
- Literature review



What is the out-of-hospital experience of palliative care patients?

- Difficult to follow patients post hospital with existing data sources
- No current direct data link from DDB to Medical Care Data Base
- Master Patient Identifier planned for implementation in 2015
- Findings from pilot hospital studies
- Literature review



What are the benefits of palliative care?

- Review and analyze use and charge data from DDB
- Compare to use and charge data of non-palliative care patient discharges
- Report on satisfaction surveys developed by pilot hospitals



What standards should be recommended for palliative care programs?

- MHCC survey of key variables
- Assess standards and best practices in Maryland hospitals
- Address ability to meet national accreditation standards
- Literature review

Next Steps

- Commission review and approval of study components, hospitals and approach
- Submit data request to HSCRC
- Meet with individual hospitals
- Initiate data collection July 1, 2014
- Provide periodic updates