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

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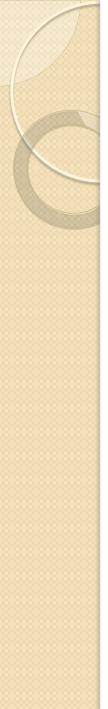
- MHCC to select at least 5 palliative care pilot programs, in a manner to ensure geographic balance
- Report to General Assembly by Dec 1,2015
- Pilot programs to:
 - Collaborate with community providers
 - Gather data on costs, savings, access, and patient choice
 - Report to MHCC on best practices 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
- I4 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	I,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

 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 nonpalliative 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