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Questions to Guide Development of Recommendations on Palliative Care in Maryland

1. State of Palliative Care (PC) Services:
   - Where are PC services currently provided?
   - Which settings provide PC? Which settings do not?
   - What is needed for more widespread availability of PC?

2. Gaps in the Provision of PC Services:
   - Which geographic areas do not provide PC services?
   - What other types of gaps exist: financial, demographic, diagnostic?
   - What is needed to improve access to PC?
   - How can these gaps be addressed?

3. Opportunities for Collaboration:
   - Which organizations provide PC or promote the development of PC?
   - How can PC be expanded?
   - What models in other states have worked?

4. Feasibility of Financial Support for PC:
   - What is the current state of coverage for PC under private insurance?
   - What is the current state of coverage for PC under Medicaid?
   - What is the current state of coverage for PC under Medicare/Medicare Advantage?
   - What models have worked in other states?

5. Plan for Ongoing Data Collection:
   - What lessons were learned from the Maryland survey on PC?
   - How can the survey be modified to ensure fuller participation?
   - What models have worked in other states?

6. Engagement Strategies for Public Education:
   - What does the public know about PC?
   - What has worked in other states to engage public education?
   - Which stakeholders in Maryland are best equipped to provide public education?
   - How does this relate to professional education to improve referrals to PC?

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7. Other Recommendations:
   - What lessons have we learned from this PC study?
   - What areas for future study exist?
   - How does Maryland move forward in the provision of PC services?