Hospital Palliative Care Pilot Project

20th Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference
November 19, 2013
Selection of at least five hospitals to participate as palliative care pilot programs by MHCC

Pilot programs to

- Collaborate with community providers
- Gather data on costs, savings, access, and patient choice
- Report to MHCC on best practices
MHCC, in consultation with pilot programs and stakeholders identify core measures for data collection

Pilot programs must include certain policies and procedures

Provide patients with the right to continue to pursue disease-targeted treatment with concurrent palliative care; receive comprehensive pain and symptom management
Process to Date

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

- Existing palliative care program
- Staff - Qualified program director and at least one FTE program staff
- Volume - At least 200 patients per year
- Data – Core data set being collected
- Collaboration – With other organizations in the community
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Next Steps

- Convene Hospital Palliative Care Advisory Group (December 17, 2013)
- Group will consist of pilot hospitals, other consultant advisors, and MHCC staff
- Group will finalize study design and core data measures
- Initiate pilot study
Timeframes

- Authorizing statute effective October 1, 2013
- By December 15, 2015: MHCC reports to legislature on findings of pilot study, including data outcomes and insights on best practices
- By July 1, 2016: Based on pilot study findings, develop minimum standards for palliative care programs
- DHMH to develop regulations for palliative care hospital programs
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