Quantifying Care Transformation Initiatives (CTI)

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This form allows hospitals to propose a Care Transformation Initiatives (CTI) to the HSCRC. There are four fields which are required for hospital submission and an additional two which HSCRC staff will fill out. Please submit the form hscrc.care-transformation@maryland.gov.

Required from Hospital: Background Components	
Title of Initiative	Nexus Montgomery WISH Program
Overview	Nexus Montgomery's Wellness and
 Description of current or upcoming 	Independence for Seniors at Home
program/initiative which hospitals may be	(WISH) program provides health
implementing to impact patient outcomes,	coaching to residents of approximately
population health and total cost of care	40 senior living buildings who have been
performance under Global Budget Revenues	identified as being at risk for near-term
(GBR).	hospital utilization. We have seen a
	reduction in annual Medicare total cost
	of care in the target buildings compared
	to an increase in the county as a whole.
Defined Care Interventions	Health Coaches are assigned to senior
Briefly describe a standardized intervention	living buildings. They conduct
pathway to address unmet clinical or social needs.	standardized assessments for referred
Identify care partners at the hospital, or in the	residents. For residents identified as
community, who will implement the intervention.	having an elevated risk of
	hospitalization, the coaches address the
	unmet clinical and social needs, linking
	residents to community services. The
	health coaches are supported by RNs for clinical needs.
	clinical needs.
	The program is offered by Nexus
	Montgomery, a regional partnership of
	all Montgomery County hospitals. WISH
	partners include The Coordinating
	Center which implements the program,
	and over 40 senior living buildings, many
	are subsidized senior housing managed
	by community-based housing partners.
	WISH works with many CBOs as referral
	partners to address the seniors' unmet
	needs.
Required from Hospital: Analytic Components	
Identifiable Intervention Population	The baseline and intervention
 Medicare FFS beneficiaries only, until further 	population is all Medicare beneficiaries,
payer data available	age 65+ who are residents of the target
 Must be identifiable in Medicare claims based on 	buildings. They are identified based on
clinical condition, patient history and/or other	having an address in one of the target
criteria; cannot be identified with an EHR or	buildings.
clinical data point	

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Episode Trigger

- A "trigger" event, or combination of factors, to identify when a beneficiary is enrolled in the intervention
- Must be identifiable in Medicare claims; cannot be triggered with an EHR or clinical data point

The trigger is having an address in one of the targeted buildings.

For HSCRC Analysis and Consideration:

TCOC Impact and Duration of Episode

• From the information above, HSCRC will estimate the TCOC savings related to the initiatives by calculating the difference in costs for the intervention population before and after the initiative went into effect.

Reconciliation Payments

- HSCRC staff will calculate the reconciliation payment that will be made to the hospital for the savings that they produce as part of a CTI.
- The reconciliation payments will be included when the State calculates the TCOC run rate and the required savings for the TCOC Model. The costs may be offset through the MPA-EC in order to ensure any reconciliation payments will remain cost neutral and reward hospitals that meaningfully engage in CTIs.