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To: ARR Hospitals CFOs

From: Mary Beth Pohl, Deputy Director - Research and Methodology, HSCRC

Date: November 2, 2011

Re: ARR Implementation Steps

This memo addresses next steps in implementing the Admission-Readmission Revenue (ARR) program.

ARR Hospital List

The Commission executed agreements with 27 hospitals and anticipates signing agreements with 4 to 6 more hospitals this week. Attachment 1 provides a list of hospitals with executed ARR agreements.

Year 1 Seed Funding Request

As indicated in the ARR agreement, the Commission will provide each ARR hospital up to an additional 0.5 percent of included inpatient revenue in rates ("the Seed Funding Provision") to help cover the costs associated with developing and implementing initiatives to reduce readmissions. The Commission will provide the funding for a two year period.

For hospitals requesting that HSCRC staff include an amount less than 0.5 percent of included inpatient revenue in rates for ARR Year 1, please email a memo to Mary Pohl (mpohl@hscrc.state.md.us) by November 11, 2011 indicating the amount of revenue requested.

If HSCRC staff does not receive notification of a modified amount by November 11, 2011, staff will include 0.5 percent in your hospital's inpatient rates.

Linked System Hospitals

If your hospital system intends to link designated hospitals for ARR episode of care development in ARR Year 1, HSCRC staff must discuss the technical plan for "linking" medical record numbers in the HSCRC's FY 2011 inpatient discharge data. HSCRC staff will contact system hospitals to schedule this discussion.

ARR Weights Update

HSCRC staff is testing ARR weight development. HSCRC staff will contact ARR hospitals as we prepare weight files for review.

HSCRC Website Now Includes an ARR Page

HSCRC staff will post this memo and other information pertaining to ARR on our webpage at: http://www.hscrc.state.md.us/init_ARR.cfm

HSCRC staff is looking forward to working with the ARR hospitals to successfully implement ARR.

Attachment 1

Maryland Hospitals with ARR Agreements As of November 2, 2011

Hospital	ARR Status
Anne Arundel Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Baltimore Washington Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Bon Secours Baltimore Health System	Executed Agreement
Civista Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Franklin Square Hospital Center	Executed Agreement
Good Samaritan Hospital	Executed Agreement
Harbor Hospital	Executed Agreement
Harford Memorial Hospital	Executed Agreement
Holy Cross Hospital	Executed Agreement
Howard County General Hospital	Executed Agreement
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Executed Agreement
Kernan Hospital	Executed Agreement
Maryland General Hospital	Executed Agreement
Mercy Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Montgomery General Hospital	Executed Agreement
Northwest Hospital	Executed Agreement
Peninsula Regional Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital	Executed Agreement
Sinai Hospital	Executed Agreement
St. Joseph Medical Center	Executed Agreement
St. Mary's Hospital	Executed Agreement
Suburban Hospital	Executed Agreement
Union Memorial Hospital	Executed Agreement
University of Maryland Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center	Executed Agreement
Washington Adventist Hospital	Executed Agreement
Saint Agnes Hospital	Signed - Mailing to HSCRC
GBMC	Signed - Mailing to HSCRC
Frederick Regional Health System	Signed - Mailing to HSCRC
Doctors Community Hospital	Signed - Mailing to HSCRC
Prince George's Hospital Center	Decision Pending
Laurel Regional Hospital	Decision Pending

Source: HSCRC, November 2011.