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HSCRC Transformation Implementation Program

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HSCRC Transformation Implementation Program Grant Review Committee:

We are pleased to express our support for the *Support Our Elders* proposal submitted by the Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) in response to HSCRC's Transformation Implementation Program funding announcement.

The proposed Support Our Elders (SOE) Program is a home-based primary care model developed in 2014 to serve frail elders. The planned SOE growth comes as Maryland is moving to value-based payments and supporting infrastructure for interventions that prevent high-cost events. The SOE growth will occur within the natural catchment area of GBMC, which is adjacent to the northern catchment areas of Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital and Medstar Union Memorial Hospital. MedStar Total Elder Care intends to partner with GBMC to meet the needs of patients in the region through clinical partnerships in home-based primary care, hospital services, hospice, and sub-acute care.

We are committed to referring eligible patients living in zip codes beyond the MedStar service area to GBMC's SOE program. We will engage in joint efforts with GBMC to ensure a standardized approach to clinical care and hand-offs between settings, and share our knowledge of high-quality community service partners. We will track common outcome metrics and share best practices from our respective clinical services.

MedStar Total Elder Care is committed to ensuring that ill and high-cost elders in the Baltimore region receive coordinated and skilled home-based medical care across all settings. We are eager to work with GBMC and HSCRC on this important project.

Sincerely,

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