

December 21, 2015

Steve Ports, Director
Center for Engagement and Alignment
Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Re: Transmittal Letter for HSCRC Transformation Implementation Program

Dear Mr. Ports,

The University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center (UM SJMC) is pleased to submit a grant proposal for consideration under the HSCRC Transformation Implementation Program.

In this proposal, UM SJMC is seeking \$1,147,000 to improve access and offer specialized treatment for patients with behavioral health and chronic disease conditions through a comprehensive psychiatric, medicine and case management program. Our initial efforts will focus on serving high utilizing Medicare patients with mental health illness coupled with chronic medical conditions. This comprehensive approach will serve as a resource to our patient population and our partners across the care continuum. UM SJMC will work collaboratively with industry partners, local hospitals, community providers and non-hospital providers to address a long standing challenge in the healthcare industry: the successful transition of mental health patients back into the community. This investment will complement existing initiatives, building upon previous successes around population health. Savings generated from avoidable utilization will fund future program expansion, extending services to an all payer patient population.

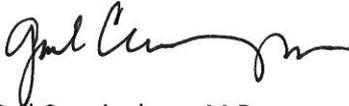
In this submission, we have included the formal application requirements along with other supporting documentation detailed in the appendix.

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This mission and vision of these initiatives are directly aligned with the State's triple aim: improving health, enhancing quality and patient satisfaction and reducing cost. We sincerely thank you for your consideration of our submission.

Sincerely,



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