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From: Tequila Terry, Director, Payment Reform and Stakeholder Alignment

To: COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program Hospital Participants

Re: Use of Funding to Support Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Treatment

This memo is intended to provide guidance on the use of funding to support Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Treatment under the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC's) COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program.

The scope of the HSCRC COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program has been expanded to allow participating hospitals to use existing awarded funds to cover mAb treatment related costs. Community Vaccination Program participating hospitals will be able to partner with the Maryland Department of Health to identify and target patients who may benefit from mAb treatment. Effective December 9th, 2021, funds from this program may be used to cover costs for creating and maintaining mAb treatment programs.

For hospitals that can redeploy COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program resources to mAb treatments, the Maryland Department of Health will be able to share data on COVID-19 positive patients in order to target outreach. HSCRC is working with the Maryland Department of Health to define the protocol to report mAb treatments and will issue an updated reporting template in the coming weeks with further instructions.

If your hospital is interested in joining the mAb treatment program, please contact the Maryland Department of Health Monoclonal Antibody Treatment team and direct questions to:

- Dr. Howard Haft - howard.haft@maryland.gov
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This new allowable use of existing funding is a continuation of the HSCRC's vision to use the COVID-19 vaccine infrastructure that hospitals have started to create in communities and apply it to other areas of need. Thank you for your ongoing participation in the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program. Please contact HSCRC staff at hscrc.grants@maryland.gov with any questions or comments.

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