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To: Care Transformation Steering Committee and Participants  
From: Willem Daniel, Deputy Director  
Date: April 2, 2020  
Re: Deadline Extension for Care Transformation Initiatives (CTIs)

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Dear colleagues,

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the HSCRC will delay the July 2020 performance period start date for Care Transformation Initiatives (CTIs). We anticipate a new start date in January 2021 but may further postpone the start date of the CTIs if the COVID crisis persists.

The HSCRC will also suspend meetings of the Care Transformation Steering Committee for the duration of the crisis. Staff will hold a virtual Q&A session in place of the May 8, 2020 Steering Committee meeting. We will answer any questions about the new timelines and all information presented at the May 8, 2020 meeting will be made available on our website: <https://hsrc.maryland.gov/Pages/Care-Transformation-Steering-Committee.aspx>. We encourage attendance only from those with questions regarding the new timeline for CTIs, and CT-SC members and hospital staff should not feel an obligation to attend.

Furthermore, the HSCRC has provided extensions for all CTI Intake Templates introduced to date. The new dates are shown in the table below. In particular, please note:

- Final revisions to the Care Transitions and Palliative Care Intake Templates are not due until this fall.
- The Primary Care and Community-Based Care CTIs now have an initial Template deadline of May 8, 2020, but we will give all participants the opportunity to revise and resubmit in the fall.
- We will be populating the Care Transformation Profiler (CTP) with baseline data from the initial Template submissions and intend for the extra time to be used to refine submissions and best target the hospitals' intended CTI population.

Thematic Area	Template Released	Initial Template Due	Final Template Due
Care Transitions	Nov 18, 2019	Jan 10, 2020	Fall 2020
Palliative Care	Dec 20, 2019	Feb 7, 2020	Fall 2020
Primary Care	Feb 14, 2020	May 8, 2020	Fall 2020
Community-Based Care	Feb 14, 2020	May 8, 2020	Fall 2020

We hope these delays give hospitals the ability to focus on caring for Maryland’s COVID-19 population. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [hscrc.care-transformation@maryland.gov](mailto:hscrc.care-transformation@maryland.gov).

Take care,  
 Willem Daniel  
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