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Maryland HSCRC/MDH Consumer Standing Advisory Committee (CSAC)
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CSAC Purpose

Maryland is working to transform its health system to achieve better care with improved health outcomes, while simultaneously slowing the growth of health spending. The Health Services Cost Review Commission (“HSCRC” or “Commission”) continues to work to modernize Maryland’s unique all-payer rate-setting system for hospital services – also known as the Total Cost of Care Model (TCOC Model). To date, the HSCRC and Maryland Department of Health (MDH) have worked collaboratively with broad groups of public stakeholders to plan and implement each of their transformation initiatives.

As a part of this work, the HSCRC is re-establishing the Consumer Standing Advisory Committee (CSAC) that solicits consumer and public health community feedback. Members of the CSAC are appointed based upon their expertise and potential contribution to the scope of work defined for the Committee.

CSAC 2020 Goals

- Ensure the consumer perspective is reflected in, and remains central to, the TCOC Model, including:
 - Promoting a broad understanding of the TCOC Model and its impact on improving population health and health care for consumers/patients; and
 - Gathering input from patients and consumers and representing their voices to ensure that their perspectives are used to inform the design and management of state policies.
- Throughout 2020, the CSAC will narrow their focus to consider the benefit that Maryland hospitals operating under the TCOC Model create within their communities. This will include:
 - The amount of community benefit dollars that hospitals are spending in their communities;
 - Ensuring that a community and consumer health needs perspective is included in hospital community benefit spending decisions to help address identified community health needs and improve population health.

CSAC Meetings:

- Meetings are anticipated to be 2-3 hours in duration and convened every one to three months dependent on scope of work; meeting dates and times for 2020 will be set in advance.
- Meeting participation options include in-person at the HSCRC office, or via conference call and webinar.