

**DEFINITIONS**

Include CMS definition & benefit approval language (more holistic)

Add peds to definition

Explicitly state SW, Chaplain in defn and as a benefit

**Make defn shorter**

add comfort directed medical care

**Include Family support**

The divide between hospital and community PC, so defn should include elements of both

**too long**

**MINIMUM STANDARDS (Core Elements)**

Include symptoms mgmt in the individualized care plan

Define specialty-trained? fellowship-trained?

anything to be done about allowing folks who don't want to leave Hawaii to get specialty training?

To include a physician with board certification in hospice and palliative medicine would be a barrier.

**Add Quality parameters**

ID barriers that are preventing providers from referring patients (incl peds) to **EXISTING** resources and benefits

Educate PCPs about who to refer and how to refer.

Start conversations; planning earlier; ensure clear education

**Collaboration with onc & nephro community**

**PRIORITIES**

Provide PC in LTC and HOME settings

define and emphasize primary palliative care

Educate patients on SC plan and what to expect

For peds - need outpatient PC model that doesn't have time limits

Enhance and build a more robust outpatient palliative care program for pediatric patients in our state.

**Clearly define PC benefit**

Options for pts who need SC beyond 90-days

Expand the current supportive care criteria & diagnoses to benefit non-ca patients who are likely approaching EOL (ESLD, CKD/ESRD)

Reimbursement should include chaplaincy services / all team members

**All health plans should offer PC / expand pilots**

**QUESTIONS**

**What % of PC pts have dx MH needs? Treated vs Untreated MH?**

**Stress? or Distress? (elevator definition)**

**A: CAPC's definition uses the word "stress," although we agree that the symptoms associated with serious illness can be very distressing!**

**Re survey: What percentage of providers surveyed were on neighbor islands? Is there a breakdown?**

**Is there an effort to joint the national palliative care registry?**

**there are organizations already involved in PCQN**

**any efforts to get insurance coverage for alternative end of life care such as death doulas?**

**Which hospices have palliative care, supportive care, and transitional care for home care patients?**

**Questions re HMSA slides**

**"go back to usual care" means SC was withdrawn**

**Re HMSA presentation: Slide 47 what is the source of the Hawaii data?**

**Any recent data about SC since it became benefit standard?**

**There is NO data on how long pts live once they use the 90-day SC benefit. (Knowing that some are hospice-eligible but not ready)**

**COMMENTS re Bristol Hospice**

**Did the Bristol/Ohana study have a matched cohort? NO, this was prospective study**

**Cost comparisons were pre-, during- and post-**

**DATA,  
MEASURES  
and  
ADVOCACY**

**PARTNERSHIPS**

**Kaiser (and perhaps HHP and QCIPN) has data/analysis on population-based outpatient care for seniors, chronic care conditions, complex care mgmt. Note all 3 use Epic EHR.**

**Desire for some common data / indicators / measures that will help evaluate the ROI of any proposed health plan benefit**

**Community nephrologists are creating PC support for their advanced kidney disease patients, esp before the decision to initiate HD**

**Health plans need to take a leadership role with scrubbing their data and identifying patients and sharing with the palliative and hospice programs directly**

**Need to show payers that the cost of NOT expanding palliative care is greater than the cost of expanding**

**ASCO /  
Hawaii  
ASCO**

**(kudos) Hawai'i VA team advocates for pediatric dependents of veterans to receive concurrent care**



## Action Items

ID barriers that are preventing providers from referring patients (incl peds) to existing resources and benefits

Expand the current supportive care criteria & diagnoses to benefit non-ca patients who are likely approaching EOL (ESLD, CKD/ESRD)

Clear defn, dashboard, clear (and uniform) referral processes so that PCPs will have less hesistancy

Need a dashboard of which hospice agencies have PC, SC and transitional care for home care patients

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Big focus needed on Education / definitions and brief talking points

What IS primary palliative care? (definition)

Consider home-based primary care that integrates primary palliative care to enable a variable level of palliative care intensity provided in a home setting...

**TIMELINE  
COMMENTS**

**Add to  
timeline: 2002  
Kokua Kalihi  
Valley  
home-based  
palliative care**

**Add to  
timeline:  
2004: Division  
of Palliative  
Medicine  
JABSOM**

Hospice Hawai'i  
started the first  
dedicated pediatric  
hospice program in  
2012 which was the  
result of the advocacy  
and leadership  
demonstrated by  
Dianne Fochtman.

2017 attempted to  
build a movement  
for palliative care  
excellence in all  
health systems via  
chief medical  
officers group

