



# The Hilltop Institute

## The Hilltop Pre-HE Model™: Hospice Eligibility & Advanced Care Planning

**Purpose:** The Hilltop Pre-HE Model™—which generates the rankings for the Hospice Eligibility and Advanced Care Planning (Pre-HE) scores—is designed to support proactive advanced care planning discussions by estimating a patient’s risk of eligibility for hospice. The Pre-HE Model provides risk scores and reasons for risk for all attributed beneficiaries of Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP) practices every month in order to identify patients that are potentially appropriate for hospice care and to provide care teams with information that can guide the sensitive and difficult conversations about end-of-life care with patients and their families.

**Outcome:** The Hilltop Pre-HE Model™ predicts risk of eligibility for hospice.

**New Risk Factors:** In addition to the 204 risk factors already included in the Hilltop Pre-AH Model™, the Hilltop Pre-HE Model™ will include 18 new risk factors engineered specifically for this model. These risk factors are created using administrative claims data and have been shown to predict mortality in previously published work.

For more information on the tool, visit the MDPCP “practice information” [webpage](#).

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