



HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT
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Overview

Maryland's Health Care Quality Account was established in 2000 by the General Assembly and mirrors the account established by federal regulation to be used to improve the quality of care in nursing homes. The State and federal accounts are funded through civil money penalties assessed to nursing homes for violations of standards. The State fund account represents penalties assessed by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) when a deficiency exists or there is an ongoing pattern of deficiencies in a



nursing home. The federal fund account represents penalties assessed by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). During the 2007 General Assembly Session, a Health Care Quality Account was established for assisted living programs.

All of these accounts are non-lapsing, special funds to be used for training, grant awards, demonstration projects, or other purposes designed to improve the quality of care in Maryland's nursing homes and assisted living programs.

Grants Awards Process

Applications for grants from the Health Care Quality Accounts are accepted in May, and are awarded on a fiscal year basis. Grant amounts vary and depend upon the number of successful applications received and availability of funds.

Note: Nursing home account awards must clearly benefit nursing home residents; assisted living account awards must clearly benefit residents of assisted living programs.

The application must include, and is evaluated on, the following criteria:

- Purpose and Summary
- Expected Outcomes
- Results Measurement
- Benefits to Residents
- Non-Supplanting of Federal Requirements
- Consumer and other Stakeholder Involvement
- Timeline and Dates
- Funding
- Quarterly Reporting to OHCQ
- Involved Organizations
- Contacts

Below is the link to the grant application:

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ohcq/SitePages/Grants.aspx>

A final report is submitted to OHCQ outlining the project's accomplishments and findings. Project findings may be shared with trade associations, advocates, and other stakeholders.

Fund Balance and Collections

As of the end of Fiscal Year 2013 the nursing home federal Fund balance available was \$605,763.71 and the nursing home State fund balance available was \$195,004.71. For the Assisted Living state account, the fund balance available at the end of Fiscal Year 2013 was \$62,395.00.

FY 2013 Grant Awards

Federal or State CMP	Grantee	Award	Purpose
State	Beacon Institute	\$100,000	Promote Understanding, Leadership, and Learning project
State	Maryland Department of Aging	\$42,350	Implement the Ombudsman effectiveness project
State	Hart to Heart	\$1,682	Cover ambulance costs of relocation of residents during Hurricane Irene
State	Transcare Maryland	\$2,337	Cover ambulance costs of relocation of residents during Hurricane Irene

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