



HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Office of Health Care Quality**

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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.

OHCQ's Vision

The Office of Health Care Quality's vision is to achieve excellence in the quality of services provided by the health care and community service delivery system through the regulatory process.

A Message from Nancy Grimm, Director

One of the most rewarding aspects of being the director of the Office of Health Care Quality is seeing first hand how the Health Care Quality Account monies, resulting from fines and penalties, can be used to benefit the lives of vulnerable individuals who reside in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. By supporting diverse studies, trainings, or other projects, OHCQ is committed to carefully selecting worthy proposals for funding. Recipients range from advocates to government agencies to providers of care. I am pleased that we were able to provide grant awards in FY10 for a number of innovative projects.

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

OHCQ's Mission

The Office of Health Care Quality's mission is to protect the health and safety of Maryland's citizens and to ensure that there is public confidence in the health care and community service delivery systems through regulatory enforcement, and educational activities.

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

- Background information concerning the person (s) or organization requesting the grant.
- Description of the scope of the project and explanation of how the grant would improve the quality of care of nursing home or assisted living program residents. Programs must clearly identify whether applying for funding from the nursing home account or assisted living account.
- Description of measures that will be used to quantitatively analyze the impact of the project.
- Timeline and dates by which each phase of the project will be completed and the projected completion date for the entire project.
- Project cost, including specific breakdown of expenses.
- Quarterly reporting to OHCQ on the status of the project and the date by which a final report will be submitted.

At the end of the project, a final report is submitted to the 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 2011 the nursing home State fund balance was \$467,414.49; the Federal Fund balance was \$453,610.51. There were no collections added to the federal CMP account in fiscal year 2011; \$185,227.41 was collected for the State fund. For the Assisted Living account, the end fund balance was \$8,865.00 and collections totaled \$12,403.

Fiscal Year	Federal or State CMP Grant	Grantee	Award	Purpose
2011	Federal	St. Elizabeth Rehabilitation and Nursing Center	\$40,000	Construct an outdoor pavilion for residents
	State	Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM)	\$40,000	Wound Care Certification
	Federal	Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	\$10,642.53	Renovate the dementia unit
	State	Office of Health Care Quality	\$333,651	Operating expenditures
	State	Young Playwrights' Theater	\$20,000	Provide performance and play writing workshops to improve the quality of care in nursing homes.

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