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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2015 **CCPC HO Memo #15-20**

TO: Health Officers
CRF Cancer Program Directors, Coordinators and Staff
SAHC CRF Program Directors, Coordinators, and Staff

FROM: Cindy Domingo, Program Manager
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RE: Teleconference: on CRF Cancer Programs – Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Attached is the agenda for the Teleconference on **Wednesday, August 19, 2015**, from 10:00 -12:00 p.m.

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CRF-Cancer Prevention Education Screening and Treatment Teleconference
DHMH Center for Cancer Prevention and Control
Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Agenda

1. Announcement/Center for Cancer Prevention Updates

- **New Staff Update:** Please join us in welcoming Lacey Christian as our Health Educator for the Cigarette Restitution Fund Programs Unit within the Center for Prevention and Cancer Control in DHMH.
 - Lacey Christian's prior public health experience includes working with the Oklahoma City County Health Department in their Family Planning program and working with Oklahoma City County's American Diabetes Prevention Center.
 - Lacey will be coordinating health education planning and activities for the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment (CPEST) programs. Additionally, Lacey will provide technical assistance related to health education and outreach. Lacey can be reached by email at Lacey.Christian@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-767-0786.

2. Health Education

- **Prostate Cancer Awareness Toolkit:**
 - September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. CRFPU will be releasing the Prostate Cancer Toolkit to programs in a separate memo at the end of August.
 - For questions you may have about the toolkit, you may contact Lacey Christian at Lacey.Christian@Maryland.Gov or by phone at 410-767-0876.

3. Administrative and General CRF Program Updates

- **Review of New Updates to the Reimbursement Rate Charts:**
 - The Calendar Year 2015 Reimbursement Rate chart previously sent in H.O. Memo 15-12 includes important updates regarding colorectal cancer screening. We would like the review these key updates highlighted in the "Additional Notes" section of **Attachments 1 and 2** of this Teleconference.
 - New colonoscopies definition
 - Anesthesia as part of colonoscopy screenings
 - Billing multiple endoscopic codes
 - CRFPU will provide revised rates during the grant review process and will include updated information in the Purchase of Care grant sections.
 - Program staff that review or approve billing may have questions about the new updates and can contact Dwayne Selph at Dwayne.Selph@Maryland.Gov or Cindy Domingo at Cindy.Domingo@Maryland.Gov.
- **Budget Reduction Instructions:**
 - Due to budget reductions for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), CRFPU has prepared Budget Reduction Instructions. The budget instructions are in the process of being disseminated to programs during the month of August.
 - These instructions provide information on which areas of each cost center will need to be reduced.
 - In finalizing your FY16 budgets, programs should review FC02 funding allocations closely to ensure the 60/40 clinical expenditure requirement will

be met at the conclusion of the fiscal year, with considerations given to reduced clinical screening expenditures and having appropriate staffing for Patient Navigation activities.

- All completed budget revisions may be submitted with their Grant Review Comments which are due 2 weeks after Grant Review comments are sent to your program coordinator.
- If you have any questions about the budget revisions, please contact your lead, Cindy Domingo at Cindy.Domingo@Maryland.Gov or Dwayne Selph at Dwayne.Selph@Maryland.Gov.
- **Patient Navigation Common Questions:** As programs implement patient navigation services within their programs, we wanted to take the opportunity to share some common questions and responses about Patient Navigation. Programs may also reference the most recent guidance provided in H.O. Memo 15-13 which includes the Patient Navigation FAQ and Scenarios. **(Refer to Attachment 3).**
 - **Question:** If our program pays for the co-pay for the pre-screening visit for a client that is unable to pay for their co-pay due to financial hardship, would the patient be a “Patient Navigation” client or a “Regular Screening client?”
 - **Answer:** This client is a “Patient Navigation Only” client. The current guidance in the attached Patient Navigation “FAQ and Scenarios” question #11 states that “If CRF funds are used to pay for a pre-screening appointment, but NOT for any portion of the screening service, the client should be considered a Patient Navigation Only client.”
 - **Question:** If we pay for only the colonoscopy prep meds, is the patient then enrolled as a “Patient Navigation” or “Regular Screening” client?
 - **Answer:** The client is a “Patient Navigation Only” client. As long as the client is unable to pay for their colonoscopy prep medication and insurance will not cover the prep medication, programs may pay for the prep. The current guidance “FAQ and Scenarios”, question #11 as mentioned above only counts clients if “any portion of the screening service” is paid for.

We encourage programs to submit their questions and to share updates regarding their implementation of patient navigation services. You may contact your lead contact or Cindy Domingo at Cindy.Domingo@Maryland.Gov with any questions you may have.

Future monthly teleconferences are scheduled for the third Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, unless advised otherwise, of each month in 2015 calendar year:

September 17, October 21, November 18, December 16

For information on other Center for Cancer Prevention and Control Programs, please see contact list below.

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