

Health Care for the Homeless Participating in the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP)



Our practice is participating in the MDPCP, a state-wide initiative to improve primary care. This program provides additional resources to help us coordinate and manage the care of Medicare (Part A and Part B) beneficiaries. As always, we hope to provide you the highest quality, patient-centered care.

Additional Information for Medicare Beneficiaries

To help us provide you with the best care, Medicare will share some of your personal health information with HCH and the State Designated Health Information Exchange (CRISP), to share with other health professionals providing care to you. This will provide us with a more complete picture of your health and allow us to better coordinate your care.

Your Medicare benefits ARE NOT changing. Enhanced services covered by this program will not require additional cost-sharing for you. You still have the right to use or visit any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare, at any time. Your doctor may continue to recommend that you see particular doctors for your specific health needs, but it's always your choice which doctors or hospital(s) you visit.

Data Sharing Opt Out

If you want Medicare to stop sharing this personal health information, please contact **1-800-MEDICARE**.

A Health Information Exchange, or HIE, is a way of sharing your health information among participating doctors' offices, hospitals, care coordinators, labs, radiology centers, and other health care providers through secure, electronic means. The purpose is so that each of your participating healthcare providers can have the benefit of the most recent information available from your other participating providers when taking care of you. If you choose to opt out of participation in the HIE, doctors and nurses will not be able to search for your health information through the HIE to use while treating you. Your physician or other treating providers will still be able to select the HIE to receive your lab results, radiology reports, and other data sent directly to them that they may have previously received by fax, mail, or other electronic communications. Additionally, in accordance with the law, public health reporting, such as the reporting of infectious diseases to public health officials, will still occur through the HIE after you decide to opt out. Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) information, as part of the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, will continue to be available through the HIE to licensed providers. If you want to opt, please visit <https://crisphealth.org/for-patients-your-rights/>

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns, you can call Tracy Russell at 410-837-5533 or submit a comment through the website.