Palliative Care in the PCMH Setting

**DSRIP BACKGROUND**

The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program is a five-year program supporting collaboration among healthcare providers and community groups through the formation of working partnerships called Performing Provider Systems (PPSs). The overall goal of DSRIP is to reduce avoidable hospital use by 25 percent over five years, while transitioning care delivery from a largely inpatient-focused system to a community-facing one that addresses both medical needs and social determinants of health. The OneCity Health PPS is working towards implementing 11 projects which are all intertwined and aimed at creating a more coordinated and patient-centered healthcare delivery system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Palliative Care project will integrate skills from palliative care into primary care practices and is comprised of the phased implementation of three interventions within the adult primary care environment:

1. **Health care proxy (simple advance planning)**
   - *Counsel adult primary care patients on health care proxy selection, including the importance of communicating values, preferences, and goals to the health care proxy; and document completed health care proxy forms*

2. **Symptom management**
   - *Improve primary care treatment of chronic distressing symptoms, such as chronic pain*

3. **Advanced illness management**
   - *Identify primary care patients with advanced illness (fluctuating illness, progressive illness, or illness accompanied by functional decline)*
   - *Partner with patient and/or family in defining goals and values in relation to patient’s current and anticipated disease course, treatment expectations, and prognosis*
   - *Improve quality of life and function through facilitating medical decisions in light of patient’s values and goals, and by addressing patient’s holistic needs*

**POTENTIAL PARTNERS**

OneCity Health is looking for participation from the following partners:

- **Primary Care Providers**: PCPs serving adult populations who are interested in integrating palliative care into the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model at their site.

**Examples of provider types that might be interested in and best suited to participating in this project:**

- Practitioner – Primary Care Provider
- FQHC and non-FQHC Clinics
- Diagnostic and Treatment Centers
- Hospitals