

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health Care Finance**



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Medicaid Director

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**MEDICAID DIRECTOR LETTER**

**TO:** District of Columbia Medicaid Providers, Beneficiaries, and All Interested Parties

**DATE:** March 10, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Advance Care Planning in the DC HIE Will Be Made Available on March 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to announce the launch of MyDirectives for Clinicians Advance Care Planning Capability in the CRISP DC HIE to District healthcare providers on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. This will allow providers to: 1) create or upload existing advance care planning documents in the DC HIE; and 2) lookup and view patient forms in the DC HIE across the continuum of care including DC Fire and EMS responders.

**Background**

Pursuant to the Health Care Decisions Amendment Act of 2015, effective February 27, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-72; D.C. Official Code §21-2201.01 et seq.), the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) program empowers terminally ill patients with the right to make decision on their end-of-life care options, in consultation with their DC-licensed authorized healthcare provider.

On March 20, 2020, DC enacted the Electronic Medical Order for Scope of Treatment Registry Amendment Act of 2019, effective March 10, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-62, D.C. Official Code §21-2221.14.a) that provides authority to establish the electronic MOST (eMOST) program in the District. This legislation required DC Health to contract with a vendor to offer a cloud-based eMOST form that will be stored in a registry that can be accessed by health care professionals.

DC Health and the DC Department of Health Care Finance collaborated with the Designated DC HIE, CRISP DC, and advance care planning platform provider, A|D Vault care to develop a solution through the existing HIE infrastructure.

Beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, CRISP DC and A|D Vault will launch its advance care planning platform, called MyDirectives for Clinicians, which is directly embedded into the DC HIE.

**MyDirectives for Clinicians integrated in the CRISP DC HIE**

This user-friendly platform allows healthcare providers to create, upload, and view new digital advance care planning forms whenever and wherever they are needed. The forms are accessible

across all patient care teams who possess direct access to the DC HIE. The following advance care planning forms are available through the platform:

- DC MOST
- National POLST
- Psychiatric Advance Directive
- Universal Advance Digital Directive (uADD)

#### **Benefits of Accessing the MyDirectives for Clinicians**

- Scan and upload existing advance care planning documents.
- Display forms in the DC HIE anytime and anywhere across the continuum of care.
- Ensure that other care teams, such as ambulatory providers and DC Fire and EMS responders, can access this information to honor the patient's care decisions.

#### **Search and View Advance Directives in the CRISP Care Coordination tab**


Any CRISP DC HIE user will be able to search and view their patient's most current decisions on future, urgent, and end-of-life care planning goals, and objectives.

#### **Learn more**

The CRISP DC team will be hosting webinars, demos of MyDirectives for Clinicians in CRISP and Q&As. For dates and registration please visit <https://crispdc.org/acp/>

#### **Contact**

For more information and to begin the onboarding process, please contact the CRISP DC team, at [dcoutreach@crisphealth.org](mailto:dcoutreach@crisphealth.org).



Sincerely,

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