

WELCOME

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BACKGROUND

New Jersey Palliative Care
Law (August 9, 2019)

- **Palliative Care
Access Initiative**

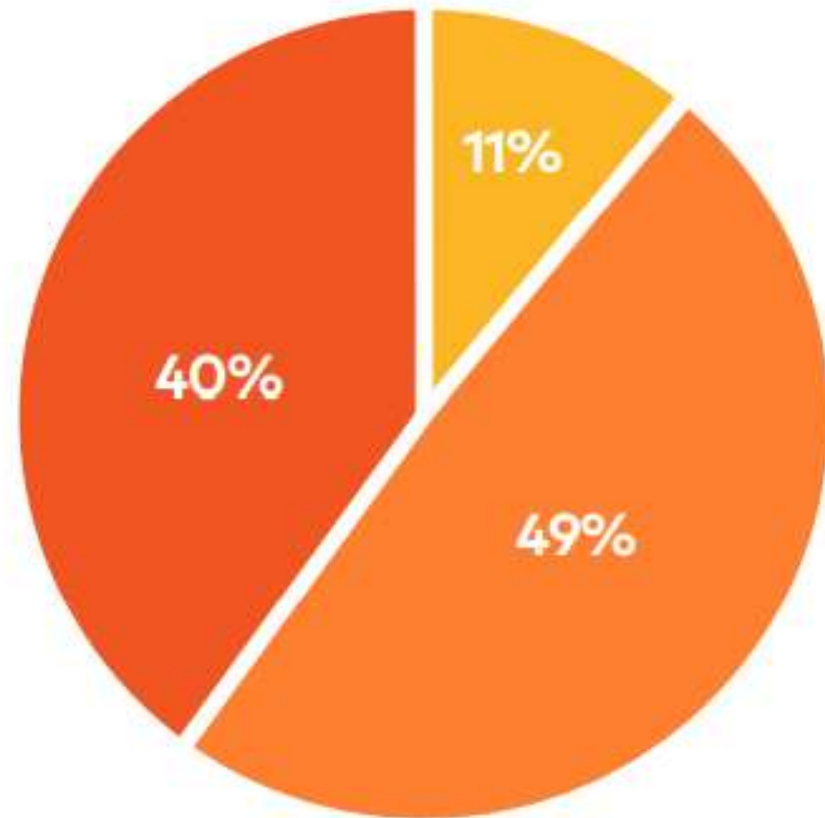
*“Get the care they need
and no less, and the care
they want and no more”*

- **To establish a system**
 - for identifying patients who could benefit from palliative care
 - to provide information about palliative care services for patients suffering from a serious illness

FIGURE 1

Costliest 5% of Health Spenders

- Last 12 months of life
- Short-term high spend
- Persistent high spend

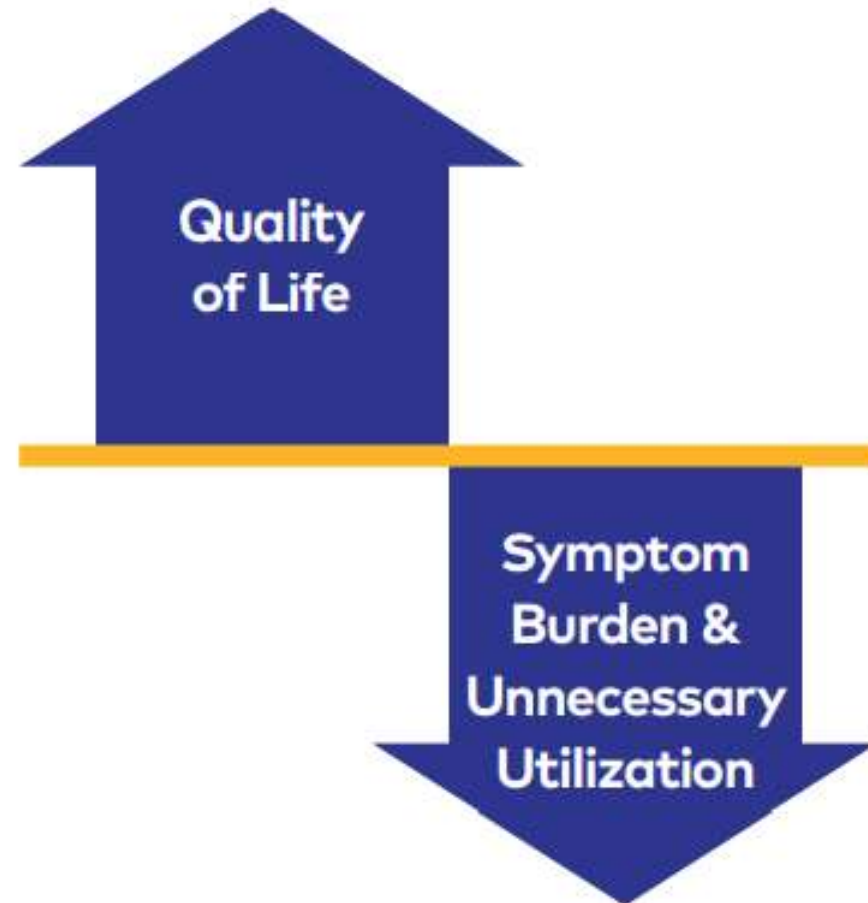


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FIGURE 2

Improves Quality of Life and Reduces Symptom Burden

Palliative care provides the care that patients want—and *because it meets their needs*, it reduces unnecessary utilization of crisis care. Its focus on the highest-need and highest-cost patient segment, accounting for the majority of spending, makes it an essential strategy for population health management.



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BARRIERS TO PALLIATIVE CARE IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES (SNF)

Regulatory Barriers

- Restorative focus of reimbursement and regulation
- More generous “skilled” Medicare Post-Acute Care benefit
- Medicare policies for hospice care at SNF

Staffing Barriers

- Staffing shortage
- Inadequate training

SUCCESSFUL MODELS OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN SNF

Model 1: Palliative Care Consult Service

Model 2: SNF-based Palliative Care

Model 3: SNF – Hospice Partnerships

Model 4: Palliative Care Learning Collaborative

- Partnership with Quality Improvement Organization
- ***Partnership with an Integrated Health System***
 - ***Atlantic Health System's Community PCLC***

Characteristics of High-Quality Community-Based Palliative Care^{12,13}

Consistent Across Transitions

Services are consistent across transitions as priorities, disease progression, and locations change.

Broadly Accessible

Services are available for people regardless of where they live and receive health care.

Prognosis Independent

Services are provided based on need and are independent of prognosis, diagnosis, or disease stage.

Collaborative and Coordinated

Services are delivered by an interdisciplinary team that provides regular assessment and care planning over time, in collaboration with all other providers.

Atlantic Health System Community Palliative Care Learning Collaborative



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