

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

From: Patricia D. Almaguer Auchard, M.D.
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Re: **CME Palliative Care Training Opportunity**

Date: August 14, 2018

As of January 1, Palliative Care (PC) is a benefit for Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) Medical beneficiaries. Members with advanced cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), liver disease, and congestive heart failure (CHF) can be referred to GCHP's MyGoldCare Palliative Care Program. MyGoldCare helps members and their families cope with medical, emotional, social, and spiritual challenges they may be facing.

Click [here](#) to learn more about MyGoldCare.

Click [here](#) to access the MyGoldCare Preauthorization Request Form.

To help providers recognize pre-terminal patients and understand how palliative care can improve the quality of life for members suffering a severe illness while undergoing concurrent treatment, GCHP and the Ventura County Coalition for Compassionate Care (VCCCC) are holding a dinner lecture on ***Palliative Care Integration Within Your Practice***.

The workshop, which will take place on September 5 at St. Johns Hospital in Oxnard, will offer 2.5 CME credits.

Click [here](#) to RSVP or learn more about this event.