

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

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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.