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### Comment

The proposed decrease to the budget for Charles County Charitable Trust (CCCT) for FY2025 would irrefutably and significantly diminish the necessary charitable services throughout Charles County, including Hospice of Charles County (HOCC). HOCC is the only provider of high-quality, in-demand hospice and supportive care in the area. With increased targeted dementia care with caregiver support added to our Continuum of Care, full funding from CCCT is crucial to every resident in the county because the impacts of dementia and other life-limiting illnesses elude no community. HOCC is the industry and the hometown hospice. Any decrease in funding results in the real possibility of diminished services. Charles County residents deserve the dignity of HOCC care and need the multi-pronged services from hospice to dementia to supportive care to grief and bereavement support through the journey of life-

limiting illnesses. So much of what HOCC does is not reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance. As a dedicated community partner in the county, we rely on fiscal partnerships, such as CCCT grant funding, to provide a full range of services and services that strengthen communities. Without full funding, children and teens will not receive the grief support they need, families and caregivers will experience increased stress and diminished overall well-being, and patients will be burdened by knowing that once-ample supports for their loved ones are limited or simply unavailable. HOCC is likely to be negatively impacted, as well, by decreased funding for any of our community partners.

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1,058 Prince George's County 3,941 hospice patients cared for in 2023 662 Charles County

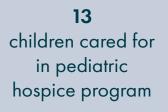
**393**Calvert County



597
hospice patients
cared for each
day on average



3,457
hospice patients
cared for at home
or where they call
home





hospice patients cared for in one of our inpatient care centers





2,203
supportive care
patients

**6,547** supportive care visits



407 grief support clients

