

Spaulding Hospital Cambridge

POST-ACUTE CARE

CARE MODEL

Spaulding Hospital Cambridge's post-acute care transition (PACT) program provides cross-setting case management and palliative care supports and coordination for chronically, critically ill patients in long-term acute care (LTAC). The PACT team includes a social worker and care transition nurses who identify patients admitted to Spaulding who meet clinical eligibility criteria for the program. The team focuses on coordinating the many administrative and medically complex decisions and services preceding a patient's discharge from the LTAC to facilitate safe and effective transfer to a new site of care such as a nursing home, rehabilitation facility,

or home. Patients and families receive support from PACT care transition nurses throughout their transitions until they have been safely discharged home for up to 30 days. The PACT team supports patients' ability to safely remain in lower-intervention facilities by helping them develop and adhere to post-discharge plans that encompass patients' medical, behavioral, and health-related social needs. The PACT team assembles a large network of partners available to support PACT patients, and to improve the efficiency and safety of discharges to lower acuity settings through improved communication and planning about patient needs.

IMPACT

\$746.5K
HPC AWARD

\$937K
TOTAL PROJECT COST

TARGET POPULATION
Chronically, critically ill patients with persistent respiratory failure

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIMS:

↓ 10 days
average length of stay at long-term acute care (LTAC)

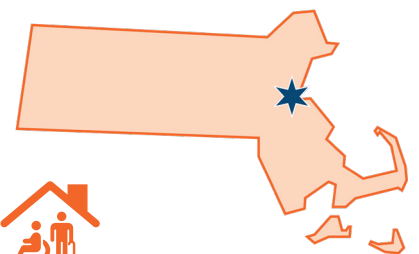


↓ 10%
30-day readmissions after discharge from LTAC



PARTNERS

- Partners Healthcare at Home
- Care Dimensions
- Fresenius Medical Care
- New England Home Therapies
- More than 10 Skilled Nursing Facility partners



HCII PATHWAY SUMMARY & HPC BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) launched its \$6.6 million Targeted Cost Challenge Investment (TCCI) pathway of the Health Care Innovation Investment (HCII) Program. The TCCI pathway aims to foster innovation in health care payment and service delivery by supporting promising innovations that address the Commonwealth's most complex health care cost challenges. The ten TCCI initiatives are partnering with more than 60 community organizations to demonstrate rapid cost savings within 18 months by addressing one of the following challenge areas: social determinants of health, behavioral health

integration, post-acute care, serious advancing illness and care at the end of life, and site and scope of care.

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