

State Health Plan for Facilities and Services: Hospice Services; Release of Draft Plan Chapter

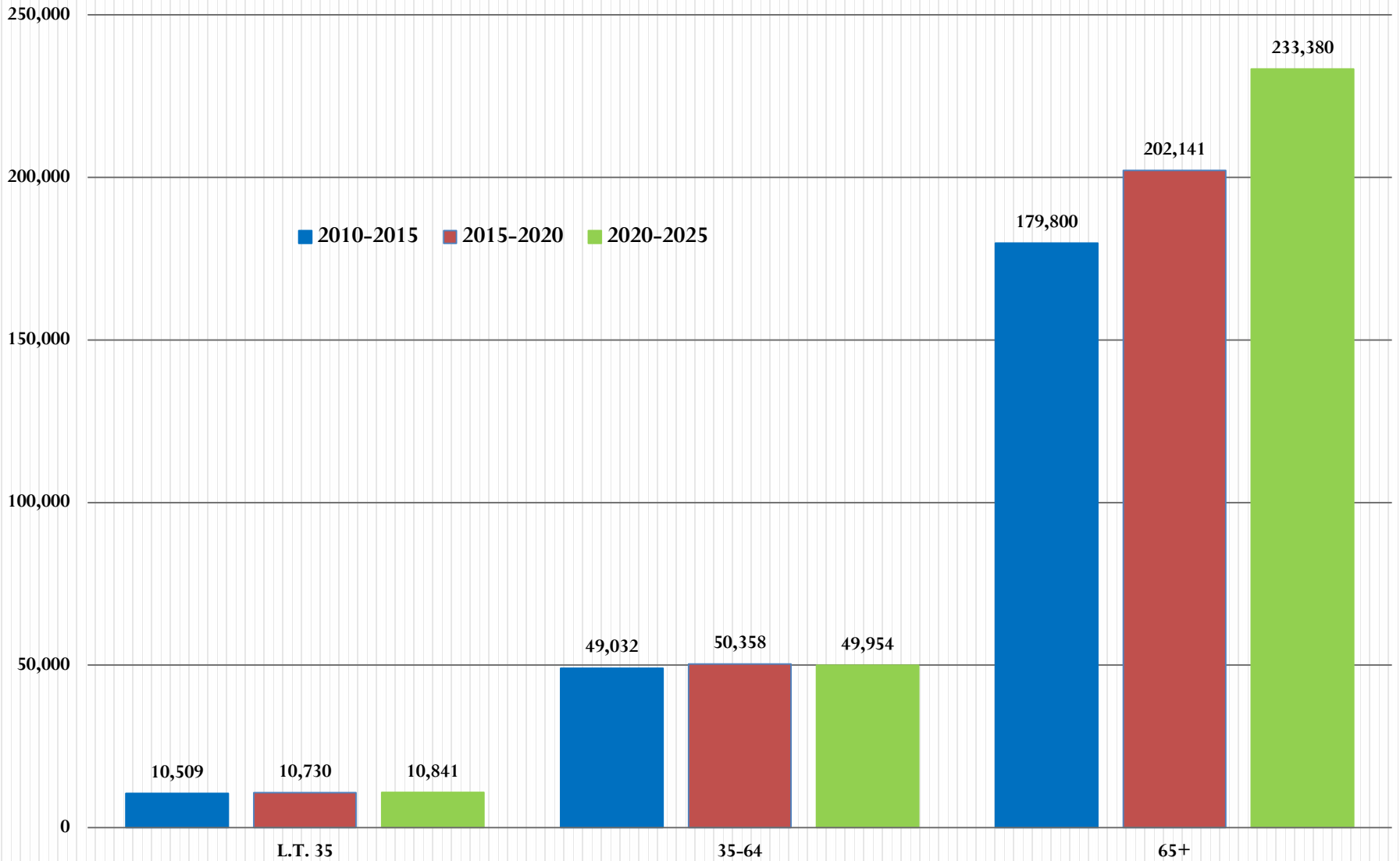
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Required Update of State Health Plan

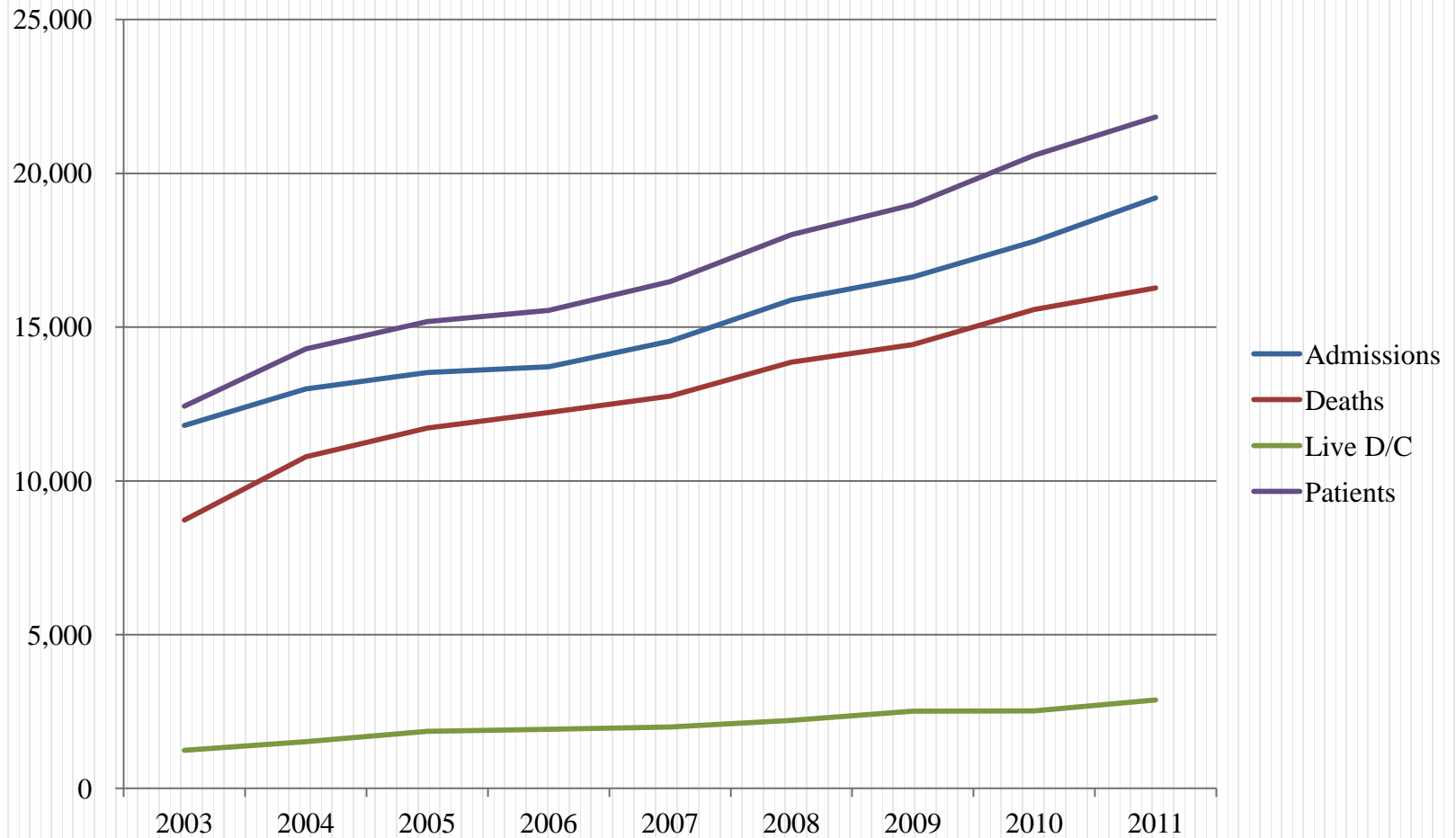
- Statute at §19-118 requires the Commission to update the State Health Plan (SHP) every five years
- Hospice Section of SHP last updated in 2007; need projections last updated in 2002
- Population is aging and utilization of hospice is growing

Growth of Elderly Population



Source: Maryland Department of Planning, Population Projections by Age

Trends in Maryland Hospice Utilization (FY 2003-2011)



Where have we been?

- Reviewed and updated current chapter on hospice services
- Met with the Hospice Work Group (including industry representatives designated by the Hospice Network) October 2011; November 2011; August 2012
- Presented to Commission April 2012 to release for Informal Public Comment
- Informal Public Comment period April-May 2012
- 46 comments received; 23 from legislators
- Met with Senate Finance Committee September 2012

Where have we been (continued)?

- Reviewed methodology presented by Hospice Network
- Assessed methodology and updated with 2011 data
- Met with the Hospice Network's consultant to review revised methodology
- Reconvened Hospice Work Group (January 16, 2013)
 - Briefly reviewed concerns about the Commission's previous need projection methodology
 - Reviewed the methodology proposed by Hospice Network
 - Discussed potential alternatives and modifications to the Hospice Network's proposed methodology

Outcome of Work Group Meeting

- Reached consensus on:
 - Use MedPAC national average as the aspirational goal
 - Use population adjustment to project target population deaths
 - Use deaths when calculating hospice capacity
 - Volume threshold to be based on median number of deaths served by providers statewide
 - Use ages 35+
 - Use a 5 year planning window
- This methodological approach will show need in large, low utilization counties; will be supplemented by outreach and education
- A summary of these agreements and an updated need projection has been disseminated to the Hospice Work Group

Where are we now?

- Met with Senate Finance Committee on January 24, 2013
- Urged to move ahead with Informal Public Comment Period on Hospice Chapter
- Urged to develop specific plan for Educational Initiative in jurisdictions where need is projected (Baltimore City and Prince George's County)
- Contacted Health Officers and Areas Agencies on Aging in Baltimore City and Prince George's Counties
- Scheduling first meeting to address pilot projects in 2 jurisdictions

Where do we go from here?

- Update all parts of SHP chapter and release again for Informal Public Comment
- Posted on website: Comment period April 10th - May 10th
<http://mhcc.dhmf.maryland.gov/shp/Pages/default.aspx>
- Incorporate any required changes
- Promulgate the SHP chapter as regulation
- Continue to work with Hospice Work Group to achieve policies and goals of the Chapter
 - Quality measurement and reporting
 - Education to overcome cultural barriers to hospice