

## Implementing Tobacco Treatment Systems in Massachusetts Hospitals Free Technical Assistance

### Why address tobacco?

- Consider the effect of tobacco use on patients at risk for the October 2012 Medicare readmission penalty categories of heart failure, heart attack and pneumonia, with COPD to be added in 2014.
- Meaningful Use required screening rates will increase to 80% in 2014.
- Joint Commission has established new voluntary tobacco treatment measures effective 2012.
- Recent research supports how comprehensive tobacco cessation programs can assist hospitals to prevent readmissions as well as meet quality and performance requirements <sup>1</sup>.

### How to get help for your hospital or system

The University Of Massachusetts Medical School's **Center for Tobacco Treatment Research and Training (CTTRT)** provides **free** technical assistance and training to Massachusetts hospitals and health systems. This service is available through funding from the Department of Public Health to support the implementation of sustainable tobacco intervention systems consistent with the Public Health Service Clinical Practice Guideline: Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence Update, 2008.

### CTTRT Services

All services are free of charge and tailored to the needs of the individual hospital or health care system:

- ❖ Telephone consultation to assess current tobacco system and potential needs
- ❖ Systems Assessment survey tool designed to assess current tobacco intervention systems and gaps to identify strategies for improvement
- ❖ Onsite presentations to clinical and administrative leadership
- ❖ Recommendations for enhancement to clinical flow, workflow processes, electronic health records and programming
- ❖ Information on coding and billing for tobacco interventions
- ❖ Clinical education and training on tobacco interventions and pharmacotherapy
- ❖ Assistance on developing a clinical system which includes referral to a range of treatment and follow up options

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