Texas Forges Ahead to Advance Palliative Care

Texas is a leading state in improving access to and quality of palliative care. In a recent webinar, Texas officials highlighted efforts to expand palliative care, including the Palliative Care In-patient Consult Service (PCICS) program, which provides inpatient consults to hospitals and healthcare systems. The program aims to improve patient care and reduce costs by providing timely and effective palliative care services. Texas is also working to address the challenge of access to palliative care in rural areas, including the development of a rural palliative care network. The state is also considering ways to improve palliative care education and training for healthcare professionals. These efforts are expected to improve access to palliative care and enhance patient outcomes.