



January 29, 2018

Dear Member:

Thank you for your continued support of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). As a part of your membership dues, NHPCO's Public Policy team is your voice on Capitol Hill and across the federal government. Together, with the support of our advocacy affiliate, the Hospice Action Network, we support policies that preserve, protect and promote high quality, accessible hospice and palliative care services.

**In calendar year 2017, 3.83% of NHPCO provider dues were used for specific lobbying purposes defined as unallowable expenses.** NHPCO uses the IRS definitions in calculating unallowable lobbying expenses. Unallowable expenses are defined as direct communications with certain members of federal, state, or local government to influence legislation. Please share this information with your chief financial officer or the individual, staff, or contractor responsible for completing your Medicare Cost Report.

Your dues support NHPCO advocacy and representation in its broadest sense, activities that go well beyond the scope of defined lobbying activities. If you are interested in supporting these additional activities through the Hospice Action Network, please email [info@nhpcohan.org](mailto:info@nhpcohan.org).

Again, if you have not yet renewed your membership, we strongly encourage you to complete and return the paperwork by March 3, 2018, so we can continue this important work on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Edo Banach

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edo Banach', is placed below the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'E' and 'B'.

President and CEO

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization