Adopting the NHPCO Standards of Practice for Hospice Programs and/or the National Consensus Project’s Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care as the foundation for our organization.

The Standards are intended for self-assessment and ongoing use in performance improvement or the national hospice quality initiative. The significant value of this document lies in the effect it can have on the evolution and improvement of each organization’s hospice services. It is not intended to sit on a shelf. Rather, it should be used as an active, viable tool for reference, self-evaluation and improvement activities. We invite you to apply the principles and standards for evaluation and improvement in your organization.