

Hospice and Palliative Care Resources for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 06/02/21

To Our COVID-19 Update Readers: Moving forward, NHPCO will publish the Update once a week on Wednesdays. However, if there is breaking news of importance to the provider community, we will communicate that as needed.

*“The tragedy in life doesn’t lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach.”
– Benjamin Mays*

Policy Update

Reporting for Use of Provider Relief Funding

NHPCO has received many questions regarding reporting for the use of Provider Relief Funding, which was supposed to begin on February 15, 2021; however, this reporting did not occur. Many new questions now exist regarding the reporting requirements including:

- Will there be one report, two reports, or multiple reports?
- Will Provider Relief Funding use end on June 30, 2021, as originally planned, or will the reporting extend through December 31, 2021, based on the extension of the public health emergency?
- Will there be any modifications to the direction previously provided relating to qualifying expenses and/or lost revenues?

Healthcare providers, including hospices, can [register on the HHS provided portal](#); however, no reporting is being accepted at this time pending further direction from HHS. Providers should be continually documenting the use of Provider Relief Funds as if the use of these funds continues for their intended purposes (qualifying expenses and lost revenues) to better ensure that reporting requirements can be met when HHS releases those updated requirements. You can monitor any reporting changes on the [HHS website](#).

RESOURCES

EOLD Grief Support Project

End-of-life doulas listen and provide support. Taking advantage of their availability and skills, NHPCO’s EOL Doula Advisory Council created the [COVID Grief Support Program](#) to help anyone who has been affected with a loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this program, trained and vetted volunteer doulas engage in free, confidential and private one-on-one hour-long calls for four weeks with those seeking this service. Following a successful pilot project, the EOLD Council is making a special effort to reach out to populations disproportionately affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please share this information with all those in your healthcare organization. Please visit www.nhpc.org/doula-grief-support for more information or to fill out the online form to register for the program.

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Registration is now open for the [2021 Virtual Conference](#). Register by June 14 to get the early-bird rate!