

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



## NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 10/30/20

NHPCO has created this update for hospice and palliative care providers to share recent news and helpful links. Please note, these Updates are published when there is helpful news to share.

*“It always seems impossible until it's done.” — Nelson Mandela*

### Provider Update

#### **Trends in Use of Telehealth During Emergence of COVID-19 Pandemic**

In a [report from the CDC](#), the authors explore how health care delivery has shifted during the COVID-19 pandemic, with telehealth encounters sharply increasing in late March 2020. Telehealth can serve an important role in pandemic planning and response. The regulatory waivers in place during COVID-19 might have helped increase adoption of telehealth services along with public health guidance encouraging virtual visits and CDC recommendations for use of telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data from telehealth encounters can inform public health surveillance systems, especially during the pandemic. With expanded access and improved reimbursement policies in place, as well as ongoing acceptability by patients and health care providers, telehealth might continue to serve as an important modality for delivering care during and after the pandemic.

#### **Hidden Consequences: How the COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children**

Multiple webinars focusing on children are found in this [education series offered by ASPR TRACIE](#).

#### **Telehealth for Community-Based Organizations Webinar Series**

[These three webinars](#), developed by ASPR's At-Risk Individuals Program, focus on implementing telehealth services to address the access and functional needs of at-risk individuals in partnership with HUD during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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*Have a safe and happy Halloween!*