

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



### NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 04/07/20

NHPCO has created this update for hospice and palliative care providers to share recent news and helpful links.

*“You are there for your community. NHPCO is there for you.”*

#### Message to Our Readers:

NHPCO publishes this Update on days when we have new information and resources to share. While the crisis is still ahead for many communities, the flow of new information might slow down in days ahead. Please don't be alarmed if you do not receive a COVID-19 Update on a given day. And we remind you that we have a [PDF archive](#) of all our Updates available online.

### Provider Updates

#### NHPCO Podcast: Infection Control

Episode 85 of the NHPCO Podcast is a discussion on the importance of infection control – particularly relevant now. Jennifer Kennedy and Missy Ring talk with Jon R. on the basics every provider should know and be doing for infection control but also additional steps to take during the COVID-19 crisis. A must hear for all staff. [Listen to the podcast online.](#)

#### COVID-19 Webinar Reminder for NHPCO Members

Don't forget that tomorrow, on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET, NHPCO will offer a free webinar for members only, ***Demystifying Hospice Virtual Care in the COVID-19 Emergency: Virtual IDTs, Virtual Visits and Face to Face Visits for Recertification***. Taught by Chris Acevedo and Jean Acevedo of Acevedo Consulting, Inc. This webinar will provide authoritative information on the hospice face-to-face requirement and the ability to conduct it through telehealth and how to bill for a medically necessary visit that occurs during the face-to-face visit. Information will also be provided on what is allowed for routine home care virtual visits, the roles of the IDT, the updates to the plan of care noting virtual visits, and how to document. Members should visit the [nhpco.org/coronavirus](http://nhpco.org/coronavirus) page and look for the link to the April 8 webinar – remember to log into the website to access info and registration for this members-only offering.

## **Resources**

### **New Resource on Virtual Care**

NHPCO has created a new resource, [Quick Guide for Virtual Care](#), that is now available free-of-charge on the website for members and non-members. The virtual care guide will help you get started in providing telehealth visits to hospice and palliative care patients.

*Special thanks to Steve Franey, Franey & Associates Consulting, Inc. for authoring the guide. If you need assistance to implement Telehealth at your organization, you can contact Steve through the [NHPCO Edge webpage](#).*

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