

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 04/17/20

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

“It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.” – Doe Zantamata.

Policy Updates

Summary of Hospice 1135 Blanket Waivers

NHPCO has prepared a [quick reference for the 1135 blanket waivers](#) that are in place for hospice during COVID-19. The latest waivers were released by CMS on April 15, 2020.

Provider Updates

Hospice Aides During COVID-19

NHPCO has developed a [quick guide for hospices](#) for the requirements and waivers for hospice aides. Learn what requirements have been relaxed and which requirements are still in place.

Resources

COVID-19 Resource for Patients and Families

NHPCO assembled [selected pages from the CDC print library](#) for hospice providers to distribute to patients/families as a means of informing them about COVID-19 infection prevention and control.

Reminder to NHPCO Members:

Yesterday, NHPCO put out a Policy Alert on hospice capitation rates for MA VBID, and today we issued a Regulatory Alert about the new GAO Report on Preventing Drug Diversion. Log into the [Regulatory Alert and Update page](#) to download both of these helpful alerts.

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