

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 04/23/20

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

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Policy Updates

House Passes Fourth COVID-19 Related Bill

Today, the House is expected to pass a \$484 billion coronavirus aid package. The bill largely funds existing programs created in the CARES Act. The legislation provides \$321 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, the small business loan program that ran out of money last Thursday. Also included is a \$75 billion fund for health care providers and \$25 billion to ramp up coronavirus testing. This legislation is the fourth coronavirus relief bill in less than two months, which combined total more than \$2.7 trillion in federal funds to combat the disease. The Senate previously passed the legislation on Tuesday and President Trump is expected to sign the bill after House passage. Congress is expected to begin work on a fifth coronavirus related bill in the coming weeks.

Provider Updates

Register Now for Webinar on Effective Virtual Visits

NHPCO is hosting [COVID-19 Discussion on Effective Virtual Visits](#), a complimentary webinar for the field in collaboration with the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care. The webinar includes an interdisciplinary panel that will share their experience and discipline-specific considerations. The webinar is Monday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET. A link to the recorded program will be available on 04/28/20. CE/CMEs are available. Registrants can submit questions for the panel to address.

NASEM Webinar on Keeping Nursing Home Residents and Staff Safe in the Era of COVID-19

[The NASEM webinar](#) highlights innovative approaches to address complex challenges that are currently being implemented in the state of Maryland. The collaborative approach involves health care professionals at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, the state department of health, emergency medicine professionals, and newly formed “strike teams” made up of members of the National Guard.

Resources

Updated CDC Information

- [Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators](#)

COVID-19 Workforce Virtual Toolkit: Resources for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns

[This collection](#) provides a curated set of resources and tools for decision-makers managing healthcare workforce challenges in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Paycheck Protection Program

The U. S. Treasury Department has updated [FAQs on the small business-related Paycheck Protection Program](#).

Telehealth Resources

A new website, [Telehealth.HHS.gov](https://www.telehealth.hhs.gov) went live yesterday to provide information about the latest federal efforts to support and promote telehealth services. It provides helpful information about telemedicine and links to tools and resources for practitioners. Accompanying the release, the Surgeon General [released a blog](#) directed to healthcare providers, urging them to join the telehealth revolution. He notes that healthcare providers have a unique opportunity to integrate telemedicine into their practice.

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