

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 04/28/20

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.”

Policy Updates

Three Hospice Leaders Featured on CMS Home Health and Hospice Stakeholder Call

Balu Natarajan from Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, Rosemont, IL and in locations in 19 states, Katy Lanz, TopSight, LLC, Pittsburgh, PA, and Susan Ponder-Stansel, Community Hospice and Palliative Care, Jacksonville, FL were featured on today’s CMS Home Health and Hospice Stakeholder Call. They presented their experiences “from the front lines” and the kinds of issues hospice and palliative care providers must address during the time of COVID-19. The 30-minute podcast will be posted on the [CMS website](#) in the coming days and is worth a listen. Click on the link for the 4/28/2020 3:00 pm podcast.

Provider Update

Recording and Webinar Slides Available for Webinar on Virtual Visits

Access the [recording](#) and [slides](#) for yesterday’s webinar - *NHPCO COVID-19 Discussion on Effective Virtual Visits*.

Resources

Article of Interest

["As coronavirus continues to spread, doctors urge Americans to get a living will,"](#) CNBC, 04/28/20. This article offers NHPCO as a resource for free, state-specific advance directive forms.

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NHPCO Members Call to Action:

NHPCO has created a “Commitment to Caring” sign-on letter to demonstrate our members’ commitment to addressing the extraordinary needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Robust participation will show policymakers, grant makers, and our professional community that NHPCO member hospice and palliative care providers are rising to the challenge and providing the person-centered interdisciplinary care that is exactly what is needed during these times. We are requesting that the senior leader from each member add their organization’s name to our letter; those with multiple locations are asked to sign only once.

1. Log into the NHPCO website at www.nhpc.org.
2. Go to this URL: <https://www.nhpc.org/sign-on/>
3. Follow the prompt at the bottom of the page to add your organization's name.

This Commitment to Caring sign-on letter is intended for current NHPCO members only. More information on [membership is available online](#). We encourage non-member providers to consider joining the NHPCO community and adding your organization to our Commitment to Care letter.