

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 06/02/20

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

*“You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.”
– Margaret Thatcher*

Provider Updates

CMS Post COVID-19: Using the CR Modifier and DR Condition Code

CMS revised MLN Matters Special Edition Article SE20011 on [Medicare Fee-for-Service \(FFS\) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus](#) (COVID-19) to clarify when you must use modifier CR (catastrophe/disaster related) and/or condition code DR (disaster related) when submitting claims to Medicare. The update includes a chart of blanket waivers and flexibilities that require the modifier or condition code.

COVID-19 Webinar: Trauma-Informed Care

Join us Thursday, June 25 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET for a webinar on trauma-informed care. NHPCO is offering this complimentary webinar to address the current public health crisis, and our trauma-informed end of life care work group has been working hard to make sure the content addresses current concerns. Hear directly from your colleagues on how they are supporting patients and staff in a manner that actively resists traumatization or re-traumatization. Faculty Diane Snyder Cowan, CHPCA, MA, MT-BC and Carla Cheatham, MA, MDiv, PhD, TRT will share specific guidance for leaders to manage today and prepare for tomorrow. [Register online](#).

Resources

COVID-19 Bereavement Considerations

NHPCO has created a [COVID-19 Bereavement Considerations](#) one pager. This tool is meant for wide distribution to support all healthcare providers. Special thanks to the NHPCO MyNHPCO Bereavement community and Diane Snyder Cowan from Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Resources on Social Isolation

NHPCO has created two resources on Social Isolation: a one pager on [COVID-19 Social Isolation](#) and the [COVID-19 Social Isolation and Palliative Medicine](#) article. The SI one pager is meant for widespread distribution to inform all healthcare providers of the health risks secondary to social isolation and ways to mitigate the risk. The article provides more detail and a comprehensive list of references for those that want more information on this topic. Special thanks to Dr. Dan Hoefler authoring these resources and a recent podcast on this topic.

CDC Update - People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions

The CDC updated the [list of people who need to take extra precautions](#) related to COVID-19.