

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 07/24/20

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

“Keep calm and carry on.” — Winston Churchill

Policy

Secretary Azar Announces Extension of Public Health Emergency

HHS Secretary Alex Azar announced on Thursday, July 23 that he is [renewing the determination of the public health emergency, effective for 90 days starting July 25](#). As a result of the continued consequences of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective July 25, 2020, my January 31, 2020, determination that I previously renewed on April 21, 2020, that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.

What does this mean for 1135 waivers?

The most recently published [list of 1135 waivers \(6/25/2020\)](#), including those for hospice, remain in effect. Most notable is that the suspension of TPE and other audits has been removed from the 1135 waiver list. TPE and other audits will begin again, regardless of the public health emergency, on August 3, 2020.

Providers

COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall III

The National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care will host its third Virtual Town Hall on Monday, July 27, 1:30- 2:30pm ET. NHPCO's Judi Lund Person is the moderator. This is a free event. [Register online](#).

Resources

Download Covid-19: Managing the Surge

Exclusive content from [NEJM Catalyst](#) on the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Related Articles

- [The Palliative Performance Scale predicts mortality in hospitalized patients with COVID-19](#)
- [How COVID-19 has changed the dying experience for acute care patients and their families](#)
- [A View from the Frontline: Palliative and Ethical Considerations of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)