NHPCO COVID-19 Update - 08/07/2020

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

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." - Christopher Reeve

Policy

COVID-19 Relief Bill Stalls, Trump Readies Executive Orders

The status of the next COVID-19 relief package remains fluid. As of this writing, after ten long negotiations between Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, a legislative solution for the next bill now seems less likely to pass. Though both sides have agreed to one more negotiation tonight, they remain far apart on core issues, like enhanced unemployment insurance and funding for local governments. Instead, it is likely that President Trump will sign executive orders to address some policy areas — including halting evictions and student loan payments, instituting a payroll tax cut, and extending enhanced unemployment benefits.

Provider

Webinar - Moral Injury: Ramifications of COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be many who have to make significantly harsh decisions. Register now and listen as Alliant International University's Dr. Diana M. Concannon, Dean of the California School of Forensic Studies, and Dr. Chris Pilkington, Director of the Educational & Leadership Management program and interim Program Manager for the Teacher Education Program, discuss all of the possible manifestations of moral injury that can arise as a result of this unprecedented time and the ways in which we can work to prevent moral injuries from occurring or intervene when they do, supporting healing.

Webinar - Nursing's Role in Health Equity, Public Health Emergencies, and COVID-19 - Critical Issues for The Future of Nursing 2020-2030

On August 20, 2020, the National Academy of Medicine will host a free 90-minute webinar on Nursing's Role in Health Equity, Public Health Emergencies, and COVID-19 – Critical Issues for The

Future of Nursing 2020-2030. During the webinar, representatives from the NAM study on the <u>Future of Nursing 2020-2030</u> will share updates on the study's status and seek public input on nurses' roles in responding to COVID-19. A panel of experts will also discuss how nursing can advance health equity, the role of nurses in public health emergencies, and nurses' experiences on the frontlines of COVID-19. <u>Register here.</u>

Resources

Resources on Health Equity in the Context of COVID-19 and Disproportionate Outcomes for Marginalized Groups

The National Academy of Medicine's <u>Culture of Health Program</u> is committed to advancing the scientific underpinnings for progress in health equity and sharing evidence-based strategies to bring about the transformation necessary to dismantle structural racism and ultimately achieve health equity for all - mitigating the effects of the current crisis and safeguarding the well-being of our nation for the future. They have compiled <u>a list of resources on health equity in the context of COVID-19</u>. These resources will be updated regularly.