



## For more than 35 years, the Medicare Hospice Benefit has ensured access, choice, and quality of life for beneficiaries facing the end of life.

As a successful interdisciplinary, coordinated-care model, hospice is a program that works. Hospice includes not only expert medical care, but comprehensive pain management, emotional and spiritual support, and family services like respite care and bereavement counseling. For almost four decades hospice has exemplified the successful integration of compassionate, personalized care with quality clinical treatment, and NHPCO is dedicated to ensuring that patients and families continue to have timely access to high-quality hospice care.

## Future health reforms should build upon the successful hospice model by expanding access to comprehensive, coordinated care and person- and family-centered care to all patients facing serious, advanced, and life-limiting illness.

The hospice community is well-positioned to meet the growing demand for high-quality person- and family-centered care. In 2016 alone, 1.43 million Medicare beneficiaries across the country received at least one day of hospice care, with the average patient receiving 71 days of care. We understand the needs of the patients and families who face serious, advanced, and life-limiting illnesses, and how to ensure that they receive timely access and quality care from a responsive healthcare system. NHPCO and its members are committed to working with policymakers to develop care models that build on the successful hospice model and support a continuum of care for all patients and families.

### HOSPICE CARE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



**22**

Hospice Providers

**5,364**

Hospice Medicare Beneficiaries

**520**

Full Time Hospice Jobs

**40%**

Of Medicare Deaths  
Occur in Hospice Care

SOURCE: NHPCO analysis of Medicare claims  
data and Medicare Providers of Service file

**A Program That Works. A Benefit That Matters.**