



HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE
ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

November 28, 2017

Dear Administrator,

2018 is right around the corner! HPCAA continues our work throughout the state and nationally to educate, advocate and improve access to quality hospice and palliative care. We've seen definite growth in Arkansas with providers and community becoming more aware of and interested in the services you offer!

In 2017, HPCAA

- ✓ Continued to update our members on regulations and laws
- ✓ Monitored and addressed legislative issues affecting our industry during the Arkansas 91st General Assembly
- ✓ Worked diligently with stake holders and legislators to pass POLST (physician order for life sustaining treatment) legislation in Arkansas which became law August 1
- ✓ Performed numerous (and many more planned) educational sessions on POLST
- ✓ Partnered with the ACS Cancer Action Network to pass legislation implementing a Palliative Care Task Force through the Governor's office and ADH
- ✓ Continued development and coordination of the state's "hospice veteran partnership", HAVEN, through NHPCO's We Honor Veteran's program
- ✓ Presented on hospice and palliative care to many community groups, healthcare systems and health care students (nurse, social work, physician assistant, and medical students) throughout Arkansas
- ✓ Served as a member of the ACC Arkansas Cancer Summit planning committee
- ✓ Chaired the Arkansas Cancer Coalition "Palliative Care Work Group"
- ✓ Advocated in Washington DC to federal legislators for hospice and palliative care
- ✓ Continued serving on the NHPCO Council of States and its Steering Committee
- ✓ Served on the NHPCO Professional Education Planning Committee
- ✓ Partnered with multiple organizations to offer educational (CE) webinars throughout the year
- ✓ Offered multiple in-person educational events including the Palmetto 2017 Hospice Medicare Workshop, NHPCO's Hospice Managers Development Course, and the Partners in Care Conference
- ✓ Partnered with the ACT (Arkansas Care Transitions) Coalitions across the state to ensure integration of palliative care and hospice – held two workshops to educate providers on palliative care (more planned)
- ✓ Continued discussions with the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy regarding medication access concerns for hospice
- ✓ Began a partnership with Ft. Smith's new Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine to develop palliative care curriculum and student opportunities; initial discussion has occurred with A-State NYITCOM faculty as well.

HPCAA's Membership comes with rewards such as discounted registration fees, member only education and resources, HPCAA newsletters, the monthly Quality & Compliance News, regulatory updates, assistance with questions/issues, ability to serve on the Board and committees, access to the HPCAA website members only area including many resources, and most importantly the benefits of having a state level association that is working to educate legislators, increase community awareness and knowledge, and improve access across the state to hospice and palliative care.

Thank you, in advance, for your support to ensure efforts continue to ensure all in need receive the care they deserve when facing a serious illness.

Sincerely,
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**Hospice Organization Membership – MUST Complete ALL Sections
2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

6. Please list complete information for agency inpatient facilities (as applicable). Use additional copies of this page to list all locations, as needed.

Facility Name: _____ Contact: _____
 Address: _____ Hospice Palliative Care
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7. Please list **ALL locations which you provide hospice home services in Arkansas**, including Main Office (listed on page 1). Use additional copies of this page, as needed.

Office Name Telephone Toll-Free Fax

Address City State Zip

Contact Person Title Email Address

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