

# NHPCO Releases Findings from 2020 Palliative Care Needs Survey

*Report shows growth in community-based palliative programs and access in the U.S.*

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, November 23, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As a

follow up to the 2018 [palliative care needs survey](#) report, the National

Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has released a report, 2020 [NHPCO](#) Palliative Care Needs Survey Results Summary. The goal of the survey was to find out more about the services that programs are providing, the challenges they face, and ways that NHPCO can support the development and sustainability of community-based palliative care.



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Highlights from the 2020 Palliative Care Needs Survey Results include:

- Out of the respondents, 69 percent are providing palliative care services (compared to 53 percent in 2018)
- Over 89,609 seriously ill individuals were served in 2019 (compared to 85,153 in 2017)
- The greatest challenge and barrier identified by

respondents is referrals; reimbursement is the second greatest challenge.

"NHPCO recognizes the importance of hospice providers caring for seriously ill individuals in the community. The survey demonstrates the growth of community-based palliative care and helps NHPCO focus our energy to best support providers," said Lori Bishop, MHA, BSN, RN, NHPCO Vice President of Palliative and Serious Illness Care.

As part of NHPCO's work to advance awareness and access to community-based palliative care, NHPCO and the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care are urging Congress to support the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's fast-track development of a [Community-Based Palliative Care Demonstration](#) for people with serious illness, to provide essential interdisciplinary care, in their home.

“The growth seen in our second report on palliative care needs of providers adds to the growing evidence base to support the need for a CMMI supported community-based palliative care demonstration under CMMI,” said NHPCO President and CEO Edo Banach. “Such a demonstration would not only help establish clear criteria for community-based palliative care services in the U.S. but would lead to improved quality and cost outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries experiencing serious illness.”

Providers should visit the NHPCO website to learn more about NHPCO resources for those providing community-based palliative care.

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The public can learn more about palliative care, hospice, and advance care planning on NHPCO’s CaringInfo.org website.

#### About NHPCO

As the leading organization representing integrated, person-centered healthcare, NHPCO gives ongoing inspiration, practical guidance, and legislative representation to hospice and palliative care providers so they can enrich experiences for patients and ease caregiving responsibilities and emotional stress for families.

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The graphic features the NHPCO logo in the top right corner, which includes a stylized flower icon and the text "NHPCO National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization". Below the logo is a photograph of two women, one in a purple medical scrub top and another in a white patterned top, looking at each other in a warm, sunlit setting. The bottom right of the graphic contains the text "2020 NHPCO Palliative Care Needs Survey Results Summary".

NHPCO has released its 2020 Palliative Care Needs Survey Report.

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