



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
- ✓ 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)
- ✓ 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.

HPCAA is committed to increasing access to palliative care in Arkansas! We have several active plans in place including working with ACT Coalitions and the Arkansas Hospital Association.

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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2018 PALLIATIVE CARE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is effective January 1 through December 31 annually.

Note: Palliative care programs owned by a HPCAA member hospice organization are not required to complete a separate palliative care membership. Please ensure your hospice organization has included your information on their application.

Palliative Care Program or Individual Supporter Name (Individual's name if Associate Member application)

Phone Number

Toll-free Number

Fax Number

Address

City

State

Zip

Name of Governing/Voting Member

Title

Email Address

Agency Web Address

Name of Affiliated Hospital or Hospice if Applicable

Name of Contact Person for this Application

Contact Person's Phone Number

Please check type of membership:

Governing (Palliative Care Program/Department/Organization) **\$250.00**

Individual (excludes voting privilege) **\$50.00**

Governing Members:

Please check all services provided:

Outpatient Palliative Care Service Adult Pediatric

Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation Service Adult Pediatric

Inpatient Palliative Care Unit Adult Pediatric

Other (Please specify) _____

Governing Members:

List contacts from your palliative care program you would like to add to the HPCAA general distribution list (alerts, announcements, newsletters, etc.). Please print clearly

Name	Title	Email Address

Please complete and return application with check payable to HPCAA by **January 12, 2018**.

Thank you for your support!