

LifeCircle South Dakota

Agenda

1/27/2025

9:00 AM CT

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| | <p>Purpose of LifeCircle SD: Improve serious illness care for patients and their support person(s), not limited to, but including end of life care.</p> <p>Vision of LifeCircle SD: Provide a collaborative approach to improve care for South Dakotans living with serious illness and their support person(s).</p> <p>Aim of Life Circle: Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional representation of people, organizations, and institutions for the entire state.</p> <p>Goals of LifeCircle SD: To help us meet our purpose and vision, LifeCircle SD strives to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Education• Public Education• Patient and Support Person(s) Education• Public Policy- monitoring and advocacy <p>Monthly Meetings: Last Monday of every Month @ 0900 CST</p> |
| <p>Members of LifeCircle SD</p> | <p>To Join: Complete the registration page on the bottom of the LifeCircle Webpage. Once you have registered, you will receive the zoom link to get the year’s meeting planner w/link. BE SURE TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!</p> <p>For a complete list of LifeCircle SD members, reach out to Michele Snyder</p> |
| <p>South Dakota State Definition of Palliative Care §34-12-1.1(13)</p> | <p>"Palliative care," specialized medical care that is provided to a patient of any age, with a serious illness at any stage, and which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Is designed to improve a patient's quality of life, and that of the patient's family, by providing relief from the symptoms and stresses of the patient's illness;(b) May be provided alongside curative treatments in primary and specialty settings, based on the needs of the patient and not on the prognosis; and(c) Delivered collaboratively, in any setting, by a specially trained interdisciplinary team that includes healthcare practitioners, nurses, social workers, spiritual care providers, and other patient support providers; |
| <p>Items</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>Welcome</p> | <p>Nicole White- Monument Health Clinical Liaison-Hospice Samantha Fischbach-SDSU Nursing Instructor Dylan Bunting- Sanford HH/Hospice and Services at Home Administrator Stacy Knott- Sanford SF Clinical Mgr- Hospice Jennifer Flemming- Sanford SF- Clinical Mgr- HH Janet Fulk- USD Frontier and Rural Medicine Program- Asst. Dir. Michelle Jury, RN- Clinical Quality Consultant SDAHQ</p> |

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| Provider Update | Dr. Emily Haggerty- Sanford Health now Boarded in Hospice and Palliative Care Emiy Duffy- cancer instute |
| ACP Priority | LTSS- ACP brochures: Case Managers will give to participants f and will have Ombudsmen distribute to facilities across the state ACP Education: Dr. Terri Peterson-Henry will help with presentation on ACP and billing |
| Telehealth Extension | HHS and DEA-3d temporary extension of COVID 19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for prescription of controlled medication through 12/31/25 Learn more here . Telehealth Face -to-Face extended to March 31, 2025 as part of the temporary government funding bill |
| LifeCircle Dashboard | Feedback- Review 2024 document. Start 2025 |
| 2025 Carry Over | Education on MOST/Comfort One AD education for NH personnel Hospice Annual Education training for LTC State Plan Amendment Guardianship DOH website Uniform Healthcare Decision Act |
| National POLST Collaborative | Update from 12/15 meeting- not available. The acting director for National POLST has resigned and they are actively looking for a replacement |
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| Palliative Care Education for DoH website | Create Education for the DoH Website- Development team: Sarah Mollman, Hillary Turner; Sandra Reinesch, Megan Myers, Amanda Sedlacek, Jane Kroese, Pam Koepsell; Rebecca Piroutek, Stephanie Rissler, Sheena Thomas- Items completed thus far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoH link to SDAHO Palliative Care webpage Content; • SDAHO Palliative Care Landing Page; • Medical Professional Page for Adults which takes you to; • Medical Professional Page- Primary Palliative Care; • Medical Professional Page Specialty Palliative Care Page; • Patient Page- Adult • Support Person Page • Medical Professional Page- Pediatric and Perinatal- Remaining Content Page: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Page- Pediatric and Perinatal |
| Guardianship Education Update: | Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna Web page: https://sdaho.org/guardianship/ Current 5-10 minute video topics include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informed Consent ✓- video is live on the website |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Healthcare Responsibilities ✓ Video is Live on the website 3. Advance Care Planning parts 1 & 2 ✓ video is live on the website 4. Life Sustaining Treatment-✓ 5. Medically Assisted Nutrition and Hydration-✓- 6. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation- In Development 7. Dialysis 8. Help with Breathing 9. ICD Implant 10. What You Need to Know to Set Up a Guardianship |
| Administrative Rule Updates | <p>Effective 11/11/24- https://rules.sd.gov/Uploads/843_AdoptedRules.pdf pg 56 LifeCircle to help with training-Requested by SDAHO LTC Admin and DON</p> <p>Dr. Precilla Bade- Monument Home+ hospice medical director/SNF medical Director and Melissa Schilousky, MSN, FNP-C, CNP Avera Sacred Heart Palliative Medicine – First meeting 1/8/2025- Melissa had rough draft for slides ready to go.</p> |
| LifeCircle Education 2025 | <p>February 12- Stacie Sinclair- CAPC- State Scorecard March 12- Omni Kitts- IELDA- End of Life Dulas April 8 & 9- SDAHO Post Acute Care Partners in Care Conference May 14- Laura Bryant Earner- Healwell- Palliative Massage</p> <p>To be scheduled: Dr. Dan Mark/Pam Koepsel -Perinatal/Pediatric Palliative Care Dr. Terri Peterson-Henry- ACP and Billing for ACP Dr. Amanda Sedlacek- Pulmonary Palliative Care Carrie Christopherson- SD DoH Public Health Advisor/Hospice Certification We Honor Veterans</p> <p><u>Please send other topics for education to michele.snyders@sdaho.org</u></p> |
| ELNEC Training | <p>End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) RN Training- Show Flier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 23, 2025 • September 10, 2025 |
| ABMS Board Certification Report | <p>Full Report and Spreadsheet- According to the 2023-2024 American board of Medical Specialties South Dakota has 16 Hospice and Palliative Medicine Board Certified Diplomates. That equals out to 0.67% of the state's 2404 specialty board certified physicians in the state.</p> |
| MISC Education re: Hospice and PC | <p>SDAHO renewed the Hospice Foundation of America Membership and will make available all Live Webinars including the annual Living with Grief program. Links to register are on the SDAHO Education Calendar. Preview webinars here. Instructions for 2-step registration were emailed 8/22/24</p> <p>February 11@ 1200 ET: Caring for Communities in Need-</p> <p>CAPC:</p> <p>February 19: Scaling Palliative Care for Medicaid Enrollees: Lessons Learned from California-members only</p> <p>February 26: How Palliative Care Leaders Can Navigate Challenging HR Discussions-members only</p> |

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| | <p>March 18: Best Practices for Providing High-Quality Palliative Care for People with Disabilities- FREE and OPEN to ALL</p> <p>April 8: Best Practices for Providing High Quality Palliative Care for Diverse Communities- FREE and OPEN to ALL</p> <p>SDAHO members get a 15% discount on their first year’s CAPC membership-</p> <p>MJHS Institute for Innovation in Palliative Care: Free Webinars February 20: Role of Specialist Palliative Care in Heart Failure February 27: New Drug Classes/Therapies in Palliative Care</p> <p>University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics Grand Rounds: Free The Clinical and Ethical Implications of Our Unhealthy Environments</p> <p>University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics Webinar: Free “How Can a Patient Be Dead While Their Heart Still Beats? Addressing Ethical Challenges in the Determination of “Brain Death”/Death by Neurological Criteria”</p> <p>Navigating Dual Diagnosis of Mental Health with People Living with Dementia Virtual Symposium: Thursday March 27, 2025 12:00-4:00 p.m. CST Free- register here More information in the attached Flier.</p> <p>How Nursing Homes Can Get Involved in the Age-Friendly Movement; Thursday February 6 12:00-1:00 CT/11:00-12:00 MT</p> <p>The Hospice Industry’s 2025 Outlook: February 13 @ 2 pm ET presented by Hospice News</p> <p>UCLA Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care Program 2025 Webinar Series: Better Caregiving for All: January 29 Webinar: Native American and Indigenous Caregivers</p> <p>Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative (GEDC) 2025 CMS Age-Friendly Hospital Measure Domains webinar series February 3 - Transitions of Care and the CMS Hospital Measure April 7 - Functional Assessment and the CMS Hospital Measure July 14 - Medication Management and the CMS Hospital Measure October 20 - What Matters: Eliciting Patient Healthcare Goals and the CMS Hospital Measure</p> <p>Please feel free to share these free educational resources with your teams and colleagues!</p> |
| <p>2025 Conferences</p> | <p>AAHPM Annual Assembly February 5-8 @ Colorado Convention Center, Denver Colorado</p> <p>Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care (MNHPC) “Charting New Paths” April 7& 8 Radisson Blu Mall of America</p> <p>SDAHO Post-Acute Partners in Care Conference “Embracing the Seasons of Change” April 8&9 Sioux Falls Convention Center</p> <p>Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) Annual Forum April 28-29 @ University of Minnesota- Minneapolis</p> |

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| | <p>“Celebrating Our Works of Hope” National Association of Catholic Chaplains Conference (NACC) May 16-19 Buffalo, NY</p> <p>The National Alliance for Care at Home- Summer Conference with HHFMA: July 27-29 Chicago, IL</p> <p>The National Alliance for Care at Home- Fall Conference: November 2-4 New Orleans, LA (Interdisciplinary Conference-Clinical)</p> <p>CAPC National Seminar September 15-17 Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Please let Michele know of any conferences to post.</p> |
| <p>Federal Legislative News-</p> <p>119 Congress- to be updated</p> | <p>Reps Joyce, Armstrong, Underwood, & Kiggans reintroduced the Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act. HR 2713 Removes federal barriers that prohibit nurses from practicing to the full scope of their education and training in hospice, HHC and SNF. Read more here.</p> <p>Expanding Access to Palliative Care Act (S. 1845) introduced by Sens Rosen(D-NV), Barrasso(R-WY), Baldwin(D-WI), and Fischer(R-NE). proposes the creation of a demonstration project to support improved access to palliative care services through a community-based model. If passed, the bill would require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to develop a Community-Based Palliative Care (CBPC) demonstration- interdisciplinary care to people with serious illness in their home and lead to improved quality and cost outcomes. NHPCO Press Release</p> <p>CONNECT for Healthcare Act – (H.R.4189) Introduced by Sens Schatz (D-HI), Wicker (R-MS), Cardin (D-MD), Thune (R-SD), Warner (D-VA), & Hyde-Smith (R-MS) on June 15. It would build on expanding coverage of telehealth services through Medicare and make permanent COVID-19 telehealth flexibilities including Permanently allowing for the use of telehealth in the certification of a beneficiary for hospice. Read a summary Here. Read the full Bill Here</p> <p>Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act-PCHETA (US SB 2243): Reintroduced by Senators Baldwin and Capito: The Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA) requires HHS to provide support for Palliative Care and Hospice Education Centers. The centers must improve the training of health professionals in palliative care and establish traineeships for individuals preparing for advanced-education nursing degrees, social work degrees, or advance degrees in physician assistant studies in PC. HHS may provide support to medical schools, teaching hospitals, and graduate medical-education programs for training physicians who plan to teach palliative medicine. HHS must (1) provide Palliative Medicine and Hospice Academic Career Awards to individuals to promote their career development, (2) support entities that operate a Palliative Care and Hospice Education Center, (3) support individuals in specified fields who are pursuing an advanced degree in palliative care or related fields, and (4) award grants to nursing programs to train individuals in providing palliative care. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) must provide for a national education and awareness campaign to inform patients, families, and health professionals about the benefits of palliative care. The National Institutes of Health must expand national research programs in palliative care. Read NHPCO’s press release here.</p> <p>Senator Rounds (R-SD) has signed on to co-sponsor.</p> <p>Improving Access to Transfusion Care for Hospice Patients Act (US SB2566) A bill to require CMMI demonstration to test allowing blood transfusions to be paid separately</p> |

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| | <p>from the Medicare Hospice all-inclusive per diem payment was reintroduced to the Senate Finance Committee by Senator Rosen (D-NV) Read more here.</p> <p>Provider Training in Palliative Care Act (S.2117) Sens Rosen (D-Nev) and Murkowski (R-Alaska) reintroduced legislation designed to expand the palliative care workforce. IF enacted it would allow medical students in the National Health Service Corps’ (NHSC) to defer clinical service requirements for up to one year to pursue additional training in palliative care. They would also provide primary care during their time of service with HHSC. Read more here.</p> <p>Improving Access to Advance Care Planning Act (H.R.8840/S.4873) New Version will be introduced in the near future and be ready for committee mark-up when larger legislative vehicles become available. The bills, sponsored by Rep. Blumenauer (H.R. 8840) and Senator Warner (S. 4873), remove Medicare copays for all ACP counseling, authorize Licensed Clinical Social Workers to use the two ACP billing codes to pay for ACP, and provide for additional provider education on these codes.</p> <p>Preserving Telehealth, Hospital and Ambulance Access Act: Passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 41-0 read Leading Age summary here. Read here to see how this impacts hospices face to face specifically. Extends Hospital at Home waiver until 12/1/29 and telehealth extensions until 12-31-26</p> <p>Gerald’s Law Act: H.R. 234 sponsored by Rep Jack Bergman, is a bill that requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a burial and funeral allowance for a veteran who dies from a non-service-connected disability in a home or other setting at which the veteran was receiving VA hospice care (if such care was directly preceded by VA hospital or nursing home care). Passed the House as of 11/19/24</p> <p>Hospice CARE Act of 2024- Introduced into the House by Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon) September 26, 2024 which would reform the Medicare Hospice Benefit with reforms to payment structure and bolster program integrity.</p> <p>Enhancing Hospice Oversight and Transparency Act H.R. 10097 Introduced by Reps Beth Van Duyne (R-Texas) and Jimmy Panetta (D-California). The bill would ensure transparency to those hospices chosen for the SFP, require completed surveys prior to the SFP’s launch, and delay the launch of the SFP program according to Katie Smith Sloan-CEO of Leading Age. Read more here Information on the Special Focus Program can be found here. Concerns about the SFP: LeadingAge The Alliance for Care at Home</p> |
| Project Talk | <p>HFA is looking for host sites. NIH sponsored research project evaluating the impact of 3 conversation tools on engaging underserved population in advance care planning. More information available here</p> |
| CAPC | <p>The Palliative Pulse Survey to learn more about your well-being and your team’s current challenges- Open to ALL Palliative Care professionals- you do NOT have to be a CAPC member- takes less than 10 minutes to complete</p> <p>Watch the 2024 Pulse Survey Briefing here.</p> <p>Important 2025 Billing Updates All Palliative Care Clinicians Should Know- click here</p> |

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| <p>DEA Proposed Rule on e-Prescribing controlled substances</p> | <p>On January 15 the Department of Health and Human Services and Drug Enforcement Administration published a rule related to telemedicine prescribing of controlled substances, including a special registration proposed rule. The proposed rule for special registration outlines three types of registration to waive in-person visit requirements prior to virtual prescribing of controlled substances. The rule also proposes a state registration for every state in which a patient is treated by the special registrant. Providers would need to apply for the special registrations. Finally, the DEA also proposes that providers be required to review nationwide prescription drug monitoring programs after three years. LeadingAge advocated multiple times for flexibility in this COVID era rule due to the emergent nature of hospice, palliative care, and home health prescribing needs. We will provide a more in-depth review of the rule soon. Comments on the proposed rule are due March 15.</p> |
| <p>Hospice</p> | <p>Hospice Special Focus Program Lawsuit- SFP goal is to improve poor-performing hospice, but it has flawed methodology- asking CMS to reconsider data selection and scaling and the weighting used in the SFP algorithm. Concerns: Many hospices have not had their 3 year survey so data not up to date. Scaling- Hospice with ADC of 450 w/2 complaints weighted the same as a hospice with ADC of 40 w/2 complaints. Leading Age Hospice Quality and Compliance Workgroup meeting this week to review</p> <p>New Hospice CAHPS Podcasts available: Overview of Requirements, the Data Hospices Must Provide to their Survey Vendor, the Data Collection Process, and the Public Reporting of CAHPS Hospice Survey Scores. The podcasts and transcripts are available on the Podcast tile on the Home Page or on the Podcast Page found in the Information for Hospices dropdown.</p> <p>1 Hour Hospice Training: Mari Perrenoud, RN, MSA , CHPN with Avera@Home- Hospice suggested that recording training on hospice (1 hour annually is a requirement) may be a good ideas as facilities are not having in person staff meetings which is where this education was previously being provided. Discussed with Hospice Agency members at quarterly meeting. They would appreciate a video/on-line training- agree that in person meetings are difficult.</p> |
| <p>State Grants</p> | <p>SDAHO applied for a HRSA Outreach grant- 4 years- funding to use for LifeCircle priorities: Public Policy- work on getting Medicaid Reimbursement; Professional Education- train consortium sites using CAPC modules/IPC Seminar/Scholarships for specialty training and certification.</p> |
| <p>Publications & Marketing</p> | <p>Sedlacek A, Mollman S, Snyders M, Gierach M. Improving access to palliative care through education and training. <i>South Dakota Medicine</i>.77(12), 546-548. December 2024.</p> <p>Sedlacek A, Snyders M, Mollman S, Gierach M. Updates in advance care planning in south dakota. <i>South Dakota Medicine</i>. 78(1), 28-32. January 2025.</p> <p>*All publications from South Dakota Authors can be shared on the LifeCircle web page if allowed by the journal. It's a great way to share education with healthcare professionals across our state.</p> |
| <p>Pediatrics</p> | <p>Three State Snapshots of Pediatric Palliative Care: California, Massachusetts, and Vermont- NASHP</p> |

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| Quality | |
| LTC | <p>Moving Forward Nursing Home Quality Coalition: Becoming Age-Friendly- How Nursing Homes Can Get Involved in the Age Friendly Movement- February 6 12:00 CT/11:00 MT- What is an Age Friendly Health System-focus on the 4 Ms- what Matters; Medication; Mentation; Mobility</p> <p>1/1/2025 Age Friendly Hospital Measures CMS measure that evaluates hospitals' are for patients 65 and older Beginning in 2025, hospitals that participate in Medicare's Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program will be required to report on whether hospitals have protocols in place to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) elicit patient health care goals, 2) responsibly manage medications, 3) implement frailty screening and intervention (including for cognition and mobility), 4) assess social vulnerability (e.g. social isolation, caregiver stress, elder abuse) 5) designate age-friendly leadership. |
| Round Table | <p>Show Flier- REACH Literacy: FREE In-Person ESL Pre-C.N.A. classes CNA classes to help individuals overcome language barriers and better understand the terminology and concepts often found on the CNA exam.</p> <p>Idea for presenter at SDAHO Fall Convention: Ira Byock</p> <p>Webinar on Advance Care Planning, Palliative Care and Hospice in LTC February 11, 2025 from 12-1:00 CT through CHAUSA.org (\$100.00 for Non-Members)</p> |
| Next meeting | February 24, 2025 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT- New link to come |
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