

LifeCircle South Dakota

Agenda

11/25/2024

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> |
| Members of LifeCircle SD | <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 Snyders</p> |
| South Dakota State Definition of Palliative Care §34-12-1.1(13) | <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; |
| Items | Action |
| Welcome | |
| ACP Priority | <p>LTSS- ACP brochures: Case Managers will give to participants f and will have Ombudsmen distribute to facilities across the state</p> <p>ACP Education: Dr. Terri Peterson-Henry will help with presentation on ACP and billing</p> |

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| National Uniform Healthcare Decisions Act | <p>2025 Priority: build a workgroup to review existing statutes and compare them to the UHDA. Determine if need any new statute, amend what we have. LifeCircle member(s); Erik Nelson-AARP SD; ULC SD Commissioner; hospital/system reps. Listen to the 11/20/24 recording on the ULC website (coming soon)</p> |
| Telehealth Extension | <p>HHS and DEA-3d temporary extension of COVID 19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for prescription of controlled medication through 12/31/25 Learn more here.</p> |
| LifeCircle Dashboard | <p>Feedback- Reviewed the sample 2024 document that captures the 4 priority areas for LifeCircle: Will use this format and adapt it once we get used to working with it. The final 2024 year-end review will be sent to all LifeCircle SD members once it is finished.</p> |
| National POLST Collaborative | <p>Need Volunteer to attend and report back: Virtual meeting 12/5/2024- Join us for a lively discussion on utilizing registries, health information exchanges (HIEs), and electronic health records (EHRs) for POLST. Guest speakers with the Washington State Department of Health will outline their process for implementing a new state POLST/ACP registry. Thank you Dr. Sedlacek for attending the quarterly meeting! LuAnn T will also try to listen in.</p> |
| Palliative Care Education for DoH website | <p>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:</p> <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 <p>Remaining Content Page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Professional Page- Pediatric and Perinatal-waiting for feedback • Patient Page- Pediatric and Perinatal |
| Guardianship Education Update: | <p>Cameo Anders; Mari Perrenoud; Michele Snyders; Tammy Hatting; SDAHO education team- Michella, Stephanie, Shenna Web page: https://sdaho.org/guardianship/</p> <p>Current 5-10 minute video topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informed Consent ✓- video is live on the website 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-✓-use the above link to view the new video that is out! 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 |

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| <p>Administrative Rule Updates</p> | <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>According to the Administrative Rules website, the rules ARSD 44:69 and 44:73 will be to update nursing homes and birth centers. The new rule – 22:73:04:05 Personnel training: now requires nursing homes to provide training to their staff on Advance Directives.</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 have volunteered to create and record the 15-30 min education on Advance Directives which will be distributed to the Nursing Facilities in the state for training.</p> <p>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 inperson staff meetings which is where this education was previously being provided. SDAHO would be happy to help with that.</p> <p>Michele will coordinate a meeting to get started on creating this education. THANK YOU!</p> |
| <p>Quarterly Education</p> | <p>December 11: Brandon Varilek "Hospice Use Disparities for American Indian Persons with ESKD" - Please register for the education at: https://sdaho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fgg_cf_m00mb0JxnYrwiqA Once you register, you will receive the link for the zoom presentation!</p> <p>Ideas for next year: Specialty PC-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Dan Mark- Pediatrics 2. Dr. Amanda Sedlacek: Pulmonary 3. Ask is out-Embedded Oncology 4. Other specialty areas of practice- <p>Hospice- update on hospice benefit-medication coverage- Looking at options Palliative Massage-Laura Bryant-Earner w/ Healwell End of Life Doulas-Omni Kitts from INELDA Advance Care Planning and Billing – Dr. Peterson-Henry Review of 2024 CAPC Report on state readiness to provide care to those living with serious illness – Stacey Sinclair-Associate Director, Policy and Care Transformation@ CAPC SD MOST & Comfort One- Contact</p> <p>Please send other topics for education to michele.snyders@sdaho.org</p> |
| <p>MISC Education re: Hospice and PC</p> | <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>CAPC Free and Open to All Webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing: America’s Readiness to Meet the Needs of People with Serious Illness- the 2024 Serious Illness Scorecard- Dec 10 @ 4:30 ET <p>Register through the SDAHO Education Calendar</p> <p>Other Member Only CAPC Webinars are found on the SDAHO Education Calendar- SDAHO members get a 15% discount on their first year’s CAPC membership-</p> |

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| | <p>SDAHO Education Calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/10: Managing Challenging Hospice Dilemmas • 12/12: Strategies to overcome compassion fatigue while servicing grieving families • 12/13: Ethical and Clinical Considerations in Dementia Advance Care Planning <p>2025 Educating Social Workers in Palliative and End of Life Care (ESPEC) dates</p> <p>Please 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>Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) Annual Forum April 28-29 @ University of Minnesota- Minneapolis</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>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,</p> |

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](#).
Senator Rounds (R-SD) has signed on to co-sponsor.

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 from the Medicare Hospice all-inclusive per diem payment was reintroduced to the Senate Finance Committee by Senator Rosen (D-NV) Read more [here](#).

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](#).

[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.

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

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](#)

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.

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](#)

Hospice

HOPE Tool- CMS Forum 12/12 from 1-2 ET Register [here](#).

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| | Longer Hospice Stays Among Dementia Patients Save Medicare Dollars Article: Dying or Lying? For-Profit Hospices and End of Life Care |
| State Grants | SD CASIC HRSA Rural Healthcare Planning Grant |
| Publications & Marketing | <p>MED-Midwest Medical Edition “Honoring Palliative Care Month” featuring Dr. Amanda Sedlack: https://www.midwestmedicaledition.com/articles/honoring-palliative-care-month</p> <p>Sedlacek, A., Mollman, S., Snyders, M., & Gierach, M. (2024). The state of palliative care in South Dakota. <i>South Dakota Medicine</i>, 77(11), 505-509.</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> |
| Pediatrics | |
| Quality | |
| LTC | |
| Round Table | <p>New meeting link for 2025 – Look for a recurring meeting planner to come out for 2025 rather than registering through ZOOM to get the link- this proved to be a clunky process</p> <p>SW ethics CEU requirements have been updated starting in 2025- Social Workers are now required to have 6 hours in ethics every 2 years for licensing renewals- likely due to the social work licensure compact being developed. SDAHO will look for additional ethics content so if your team members need some- be sure to look at the SDAHO education calendar. There may be some recorded sessions from 2024 that would count: Moral Distress: Managing conflict within ourselves and with others; LifeCircle M.A.I.D. how to respond to patient and family questions; Hidden in Plain Sight-Human Trafficking Education for Healthcare; Domestic Violence Basics and Resources; Care and Management of the patient with Chronic Pain & Opioid Dependence; LifeCircle: Music and the Heart: Creating Therapeutic Support through Music and Heartbeats; Health Literacy: How to Help Patients Make Appropriate Health Decisions</p> |
| Next meeting | January 27, 2025 @ 0900 CT/0800 MT- New link to come |
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