

## **Hospice News Today TCN Talks November**

### **Lessons Learned/Sage Advice<sup>3</sup>**

As a writer, public relations practitioner, and journalist by training, Hospice Month is a tough, frustrating time.

A news release or op-ed column that begins: “November is Hospice Month” is NOT a lede sentence anyone should be proud of. It says nothing. It does nothing to draw the reader into the news release or article. Ask yourself: Why should anyone (in the general population) care? They don’t. They won’t.

In fact, here’s a simple rule to follow. In anything you write for publication, whether that’s a news release or column for a local newspaper or news site, or your own social media, if the verb in your lede sentence is “is,” you might as well stop writing. You need an action verb.

How does that translate to Hospice Month? Well, instead of writing “November is Hospice Month,” How about “November’s Hospice Month celebrates providers like ABC hospice, which in 2022 cared for more than 1.7 million people in their final hours, days, weeks, and months.” Or “ABC Hospice is commemorating National Hospice Month by launching a new volunteer-driven program to care for the pets of our hospice patients when those patients are no longer able to care for their pets.” Or “Anyone can contribute to the success of November’s Hospice Month at ABC Hospice by shopping at our fabulous thrift store, donating new and gently used items or learning about how to become a thrift store volunteer.”

As I’ve said before, if you don’t have an experienced writer on staff—and many hospices no longer do—try to find someone in your community who can work with your staffer tasked with writing your releases and social media posts.

Now on to the news from November ...

### **November’s News Coverage**

#### **NOTEWORTHY INDIVIDUALS UNDER HOSPICE CARE (9)**

Between the usual and customary drop-off in all-but-breaking news around the Thanksgiving holiday and with the proliferation of nothingburger news releases and op-ed columns ostensibly concerning Hospice Month, November was mostly unexceptional for news coverage, Chris.

The exception, of course, and it was a hugely impactful exception, was the ongoing coverage of the hospice journey of Jimmy Carter ... and then Rosalynn Carter. While I only ran 9 distinct articles and columns in Hospice News Today, there were many more general news updates on the Carters, particularly when it was announced that Rosalynn, too, had been admitted to hospice. Each of these articles ran in scores, if not hundreds of news sources. Like I said, the impact and exposure were huge.

## Top 10

But in terms of the TOP 10 stories of the month, the list evolved a little from previous months, but was largely what you would expect:

1. Long-Term Care & Assisted Living & Senior Living News (55)
2. M&A News (42)
3. Hospice Provider News (36)
4. Hospice News (36)
5. End-Of-Life Care/Palliative Care News (36)
6. Hospital News (26)
7. Labor & Employment News (25)
8. We Honor Veterans And Veterans Program News (23)
9. For-Profit Provider News (22)
10. Fundraising & Development News (21)

### **1 LONG-TERM CARE & ASSISTED LIVING & SENIOR LIVING NEWS (55)**

I ran 55 articles about long term care, nursing homes, senior living, and assisted living in November in Hospice News. A decline from previous months, which reflects the lost week of coverage due to Thanksgiving.

The “unfunded mandate” of the proposed minimum staffing requirements from CMS dominated the coverage, specifically pushback from nursing homes, trade associations and politicians. A typical headline: “Staffing mandate would smother nursing homes.” Those stories were juxtaposed with a number of articles about substandard care in nursing homes—although few articles on either of those issues tied the two together. And on another related note, we continued to see coverage of individual nursing home closures. And a growing awareness of the ever-expanding nursing homes deserts across rural America.

### **2 M&A NEWS (42)**

There were 42 articles on mergers and acquisitions—all across the continuum. In the hospice sector, these were mostly one-off acquisitions by for-profit providers, although the biggest news was probably generated by the pending combination of By the Bay Health and

Mission Hospice in California, which then added Hope Hospice in the Bay area to the mix in an article that ran in Hospice News Today on December 1.

### **3 HOSPICE PROVIDER NEWS (36)**

Hospice providers generated 36 articles in November in Hospice News Today. As in recent months, the greatest number of articles concerned the opening, re-opening, closing, and renovation of hospice inpatient units. A subset of that were articles about the opening of several comfort houses not tied to any specific hospice provider. And two not-for-profit hospices in Virginia either rebranded or refreshed their brands in November, making that four or five, I believe, that have done so in the last year or two. Virginia has become an interesting market to keep an eye on.

### **4 HOSPICE NEWS (36)**

General Hospice News also saw 36 articles in Hospice News Today last month. The most significant news, from a public policy standpoint, was the announcement early in the month that Oregon Democratic Congressman Earl Blumenauer, one of hospice's most consistent champions in Congress over more than 2 decades, would not seek re-election in 2024. Regardless of your personal politics, if you care about hospice, you'll agree that Representative Blumenauer will be missed. And it's worth noting that, in recent years, Congressman Blumenauer has worked closely on hospice legislation with a Texas Republican, Beth Van Duyne (Dunn)—proving that hospice, after more than 40 years on Capitol Hill, can still generate bipartisan cooperation and support.

Updates on the pending merger of NHPCO and NAHC scored several articles in November.

Keep in mind that I don't run your standard Hospice Month news releases and op-eds in Hospice News Today, given that they're almost entirely Hospice 101 items. So those hits are not counted either in the General Hospice News or Hospice provider counts.

### **5 END-OF-LIFE CARE/PALLIATIVE CARE NEWS (36)**

End-of-Life Care and Palliative Care also generated 36 articles in Hospice News Today last month. This category included a couple of substantive articles about how to have advanced care planning conversations, which obviously are usually generated by Hospice Month. A couple of research studies on palliative care earned coverage by trade publications, which is always nice to see. And death doulas continued to earn coverage in local markets. And, in seems to be an every-other-month phenomenon, the death doula coverage this month didn't take any gratuitous shots as hospice care.

### **6 HOSPITAL NEWS (26)**

Hospital News tied with Hospice News and End-of-Life Care news with 36 articles in November. It almost seems like the hospital sector has decided to go toe-to-toe with nursing homes to see which sector can generate more negative coverage in a given month. This month's hospital news was about layoffs, buyouts and consolidation of executive positions, as well as continued losses by providers large and small. It, of course, wouldn't be a month of hospital news if somebody wasn't investigating one of the large hospital systems in your neck of the woods, Chris. In this case it was the Tennessee Attorney General going after Ballad Health which serves the Appalachian regions of North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

## **7 LABOR & EMPLOYMENT NEWS (25)**

There was a significant drop-off in coverage of Labor and Employment news in November, placing seventh with a relatively light 25 articles. News about strikes far outpaced news of new union organizing efforts. But there were a lot of strikes in the news in November. And this headline demonstrates why even healthcare executives in right-to-work ought to be scanning Labor and Employment news: Labor Department targets facilities in Southeast for wage violations.

## **8 WE HONOR VETERANS AND VETERANS PROGRAM NEWS (23)**

It being November, there were 23 articles about veterans in hospice care in November. Most of the coverage involved pinning ceremonies under the auspices of We Honor Veterans. My editorial guideline for Hospice News Today is simple: If a provider pins a veteran, if the provider is a hospice, and if there's a news article—I'll run it in Hospice News Today. But, while 23 articles are nice, for a month with Veterans Day it feels a bit light.

## **9 FOR-PROFIT PROVIDER NEWS (22)**

For-Profits generated 22 articles last month. The vast majority of that coverage involved the quarterly earnings releases from publicly traded companies and the subsequent conference calls they conduct with financial analysts.

## **10 FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT NEWS (21)**

And counter to that focus on for-profits, the 10<sup>th</sup>-place category in November with 21 articles was Fundraising and Development News. It was your typical assemblage of news about grants received and events held. One provider, Haven Hospice, used Hospice Month as the news peg on which to hang a general article about how shopping at, donating to or volunteering for their thrift stores is a great way to give back and support the local quality of life. An innovative approach. There was also a small not-for-profit in hospice which took advantage of Giving Tuesday to give away coffee and donuts to anyone who came by as a

way to say thanks for support of a recent capital campaign. Kudos to those who look for out-of-the-ordinary ways to promote local giving.

## Honorable Mention

My honorable mentions with not quite enough oomph to make the Top Ten included:

**PHYSICIAN & NURSING NEWS (17)**

**HOME HEALTH & PRIVATE DUTY NEWS (17)**

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE/MEDICAL AID IN DYING NEWS (14)**

**MEDICARE & MEDICAID NEWS (13)**

**PHARMACY & MEDICATION NEWS (13)**

**GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT NEWS (12)**

The most notable category here, I think, is Pharmacy and Medication News. For 2 reasons. First, the growing coverage of psychedelics. The more coverage psychedelics get, the more likely your admissions nurses, care teams, physician leaders will be asked about this. Best to be prepared with a statement *before* the question is asked. And the second reason is the continuing focus on pharmacy deserts across broad swaths of rural America. If I were a provider, I'd be engaging with my PBM now to see how they are adapting to this issue.

Also notable is the relative lack of coverage of the home health and related sectors.

## Worth Mentioning

Finally, Chris, also worth noting are a couple of categories that saw little coverage in November.

We're into the Holiday season, yet I ran only 9 articles about wish and dream fulfillment. On the positive side of sparse coverage, I ran only 6 articles about fraud and abuse—the second month where that number was comparatively low. Believe it or not, I only ran 3 articles about Medical Marijuana, which reflects that legislative work in the states is mostly shut down for the year. Thanks in part to the work that Rosalynn Carter did in the last decade or so on caregivers, there were a relatively large number of articles on caregiver burdens—9. The best headline of that bunch: Caring for aging parents doesn't have to be this hard. And, as per usual, while there were only a handful—5—articles on governance, transparency, not-for-profit status, charity care, and executive compensation, they weren't good news for the not-for-profit sector. The most damning headline: As hospital expenses rise, charity care spending falls. When your charity care is about 1 percent of your budget, and when hospitals are being attacked because their charity care spending has fallen to about one percent, hospices need to think twice about centering their mission-fulfillment messaging on “charity care.”

That's my take on November, Chris. What was yours ...

**WISH & DREAM FULFILLMENT NEWS (9)**

**CAREGIVER NEWS (9)**

**FRAUD & ABUSE NEWS (6)**

**GOVERNANCE/TRANSPARENCY/NON-PROFIT STATUS/EXEC COMP NEWS (5)**

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**SCHIAVO-LIKE CASES NEWS (6)**

**FRAUD & ABUSE NEWS (6)**

**GOVERNANCE/TRANSPARENCY/NON-PROFIT STATUS/EXEC COMP NEWS (5)**

**HOSPICE ON THE AIR (5)**

**VOLUNTEER NEWS (5)**

**ELDER CARE AND AGING NEWS (5)**

**IT, CYBERATTACK & RANSOMWARE NEWS (5)**

**PACE NEWS (4)**

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA NEWS (3)**

**HIPAA & EHR NEWS (3)**  
**CORONAVIRUS NEWS (3)**  
**DEMENTIA CARE NEWS (3)**  
**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION NEWS (2)**  
**VENTURE CAPITAL & PRIVATE EQUITY NEWS (2)**  
**LIFE EXPECTANCY NEWS (2)**  
**ADVANCE CARE PLANNING NEWS (2)**  
**PAIN MANAGEMENT NEWS (2)**  
**SPIRITUAL CARE NEWS (1)**  
**ART THERAPY NEWS (1)**  
**DEATH POSITIVE MOVEMENT NEWS (1)**  
**ORGAN DONATION NEWS (1)**  
**HOSPICE NEWS—INTERNATIONAL (1)**  
**CERTIFICATE OF NEED NEWS (1)**  
**VIRTUAL REALITY NEWS (1)**  
**TELEHEALTH NEWS (1)**  
**MISC. HEALTHCARE BUSINESS NEWS (1)**

**HOSPICE PROVIDER NEWS (36)**

[Hiland Cottage needs to remain open](#)

[Boone Health closes its home care, hospice services](#)

[After 25 years, KBR Hospice Home to receive upgrades as they continue to offer personal patient care](#)

[Horizon Hospice offers helping hand for elderly and grieving](#)

[Foundation to build new Hospice House](#)

[OC's The Heavenly Home embraces hospice patients](#)

[Bending the Health Care Curve](#)

[Hospice of Washington County brings advanced skills laboratory to Hagerstown](#)

[New affiliation expected to strengthen Blue Ridge Hospice](#)

[Faith Hospice hires Kimberly Holton as new executive director](#)

[Blue Ridge Hospice Names Altonia Garrett, MBA, MHA, RN, Chief Operating Officer](#)

[Hospice of the Eastern U.P. speaks out against rumors of services shutting down](#)

[Hospice of the Chesapeake announces the resignation of President and CEO Mike Brady](#)

[Agrace—Earns Palliative/Hospice Heart Failure certification from the American Heart Association](#)

[Cape Fear Valley Health opens new hospice care facility](#)

[End-of-life refuge is coming](#)

[Blue Ridge Hospice Unveils Refreshed Brand](#)  
[Care Dimensions Aide Honored with National Compassionate Caregivers of the Year® Award](#)  
[End-of-life care provider opens eight bedroom facility in central Pa.](#)  
[Newly-renovated Ballard Health Hospice House includes array of memory-inspiring artwork](#)  
[Hospice of WF declares inpatient center out of commission](#)  
[A Fayetteville hospice house for Cape Fear Valley Health; first in nearly a decade](#)  
[Mercy House of Chambersburg Open to Admit Patients](#)  
[Man reunites with staff at Hospice of Western Reserve who cared for his wife](#)  
[Delaware Hospice achieves national recognition through 'Quality Connections' program](#)  
[Audit Affirms Chapters Health System HITRUST Risk-based, Two-year Certification to Manage Risk, Improve Security Posture and Meet Compliance Requirements](#)  
[Hospice of Rockingham County Announces New Name—Ancora Compassionate Care](#)  
[Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice celebrates AndroGives success, donates \\$2,597 to Honor Flight Maine](#)  
[MMCBD Unveils New Hospice, Respite Service At Hillside Manor](#)  
[Hospice facility in Calvert reopens](#)  
[Hampton Roads' first freestanding hospice house to open in Virginia Beach next year](#)  
[A Complete Makeover for Hospice of the Calumet Area's William J. Riley Memorial Residence](#)  
[They're dying and have nowhere to go. Hildegard House helps them die with dignity.](#)  
[Hospice of the Sacred Heart delivered Thanksgiving dinners](#)  
[VIA Health CEO—Hospices Must Prep for Value-Based Care in 2024](#)  
[Home Health & Hospice expansion project celebrated](#)

## **HOSPICE NEWS (36)**

[As Hospices Privatize, Bay Area Workers Want a Union](#)  
[Oregon US Rep. Earl Blumenauer will not seek reelection](#)  
[NHPCO Recognizes National Hospice and Palliative Care Month](#)  
[CMS Finalizes Hospice Special Focus Program, 36-Month Rule](#)  
[Home hospice 'offers a better care experience' than other hospice settings, report reveals](#)  
[CMS' message to home health, hospice providers—Denied](#)  
[Attorney—CMS' decision to finalize 36-month rule for hospices 'somewhat disappointing'](#)  
[Transparency Essential to Hospice Compliance in 2024](#)  
[Madisonville woman charged with forgery of over \\$20K from local hospice facility](#)  
[Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a Champion for Hospice, Will Not Seek Re-Election](#)  
[To people who work in hospice care.](#)  
[Carolina Caring encourages ringing of church bells](#)  
[CMS—Concurrent Hospice Care Improves Quality, Reduces Costs](#)

[I Was a Prison Hospice Worker During the Pandemic](#)  
[Senate Bill Would Reallocate Nearly \\$1B in Hospice Funding to Pharmacy, Behavioral Health Programs](#)  
[Woman pleads to pretending to be a licensed nurse](#)  
[Cassidy, Rosen Introduce Bill to Lower Costs for Caregivers](#)  
[Chicago Tribune Names Unity Hospice and Palliative Care a Winner of the Chicagoland Top Workplaces 2023 Award](#)  
[Hospice Industry Groups Lobbying Congress to Change CMS' Special Focus Program](#)  
[NPHI Expands its Membership by Welcoming Hospice & Palliative Care Association of New York State](#)  
[NAHC Thanks Rep. Earl Blumenauer for Years of Strong Advocacy](#)  
[Former nurse sentenced to 4 years after diverting drugs from patient](#)  
[The National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care Establishes a Pediatric Division](#)  
[Compassus named one of America's Greatest Workplaces for Parents and Families](#)  
[NAHC and NHPCO advance merger plans, launch leadership search](#)  
[Program Integrity, Health Equity, Workforce Pressures Top of Mind for Hospice Leaders in 2024](#)  
[A visit with my late mother's nurse, and a lesson on what you should know about hospice care](#)  
[Untangling the Hospice GIP Conundrum](#)  
[New book "Surviving Hospice" by Maryclaire Torinus is released, an informative examination of the hospice industry that combines personal experience and empirical data](#)  
[NAHC, NHPCO Merger Remains On 'Aggressive Timeline'](#)  
[A Silent Epidemic—Domestic Violence, Trauma Among Hospice Patients, Staff](#)  
[Pa. Homecare Association names interim CEO](#)  
[Hospices can't handle the growing number of patients who need wound care](#)  
[Reducing the Administrative Burden—A Win-Win for Hospice Care](#)  
[Achieving Person-Centered Care in Hospice—Keys and Best Practices](#)  
[Chris Comeaux, nationally recognized Hospice leader, announces the release of first leadership book.](#)  
[A Broward hospice nurse stole from a widow-to-be. She's living and licensed in New York](#)

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION NEWS (2)**

[Diane Deese—The Importance of Hospice Care in Underserved Communities](#)  
[Anti-'woke' backlash forces health industry to adapt DEI efforts](#)

## **CORONAVIRUS NEWS (3)**

[Vaccination for senior living residents hindered by access issues, fatigue, misinformation](#)

[Nursing Homes Lag on Keeping Residents Up-to-Date on Covid Shots—No State is Above 50%](#)

[Long COVID Now Common in U.S. Nursing Homes](#)

## **HOSPICE ON THE AIR (5)**

[2023 Circle of Life Honorees—Leading the Way in Palliative and End-of-Life Care](#)

[Palliative expert Sunita Puri explores the ‘hidden harms’ of CPR](#)

[Top News Stories of The Month, October 2023](#)

[Life, Afterlife, And The In-Between](#)

[What is hospice care? As Rosalynn Carter starts hospice, an expert explains this type of care](#)

## **NOTEWORTHY INDIVIDUALS UNDER HOSPICE CARE (9)**

[Former US first lady Rosalynn Carter, 96, enters hospice care at home](#)

[What is hospice care? As Rosalynn Carter starts hospice, an expert explains this type of care](#)

[Jimmy Carter remains in hospice care after Rosalynn Carter’s death—Explaining end-of-life care](#)

[Rosalynn Carter’s impacts on hospice care in Savannah](#)

[There Is Bravery in The Carters’ Hospice Announcements](#)

[Carters’ journey highlights tough questions about when to choose hospice](#)

[Carters show how hospice care works](#)

[Remembering Rosalynn Carter—A Trailblazer in Healthcare Advocacy](#)

[Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter bring needed attention to hospice care—and questions](#)

## **HOSPICE NEWS—INTERNATIONAL (1)**

[UAE’s first community-powered hospice to boost palliative care in Abu Dhabi](#)

## **WISH & DREAM FULFILLMENT NEWS (9)**

[Iowa River Hospice arranges first meeting between sisters in three years](#)

[‘A marvelous opportunity’—Community Nursing Services provides Senior Wish to patient](#)

[Hospice patient gets one last visit with her favorite animal](#)

[Phoenix Suns Gorilla delights hospice patient](#)

[Hospice patient in Steelers country thrilled to receive Patrick Mahomes gift package](#)

[Scottsdale-based Hospice helps patient with bucket list meal wish](#)  
[Visiting Angels relieve Thanksgiving stress for hospice patients](#)  
[Hospice of the Western Reserve staff sees that Willoughby man makes it to wedding](#)  
[Unique UCLA Health end-of-life care program celebrates 5 years—with plans for expansion](#)

## **FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT NEWS (21)**

[Hospice professionals should be commended](#)  
[Rod 'N' Reel Raises \\$15,000 For Calvert Hospice—Celebrates Late Owner's Birthday](#)  
[United Way donations support quality palliative care for families](#)  
[Scott's House hospice receives \\$127K gift](#)  
[Mason Dixon Region Antique Automobile Club of America Raises Funds For Doey's House](#)  
[Cruisers raise money for Hospice of Northwest Ohio](#)  
[The Tree House Earns 115K for Hospice Care](#)  
[Tuftonboro resident donates 24 acres to hospice care facility](#)  
[Real estate firm donates \\$18,000 to nonprofits](#)  
[Ashland Eagles Club Continues Support for Hospice of North Central Ohio](#)  
[Hickory Riding Club donates \\$15,500 to Carolina Caring](#)  
[Haven Hospice asks residents for help; Non-profit looking for donations, volunteers for stores.](#)  
[HopeWest Delta Receives \\$2,500 Grant from Local Walmart Community Grants Team for HopeWest Kids Grief Support](#)  
[Shopping local—Thrifting combines retail and generosity](#)  
[Sturgis Festival of Trees raises nearly \\$39,000 for hospice and Greater Sturgis Foundation](#)  
[Gimbel Foundation Approves Grant for HNCO](#)  
[Power of 100 Women River Falls donates \\$18,650 to Adoray Home Health & Hospice](#)  
[25 Local Nonprofits Receive \\$2 Million To Improve Equitable Access To Care](#)  
[Local non-profit plans to 'reverse' Giving Tuesday](#)  
[Legacy Awards More Than \\$160,000 To Help Several Local Nonprofits](#)  
[Community Foundation Gives \\$500K in Grants to 49 Nonprofits](#)

## **M&A NEWS (42)**

[Option Care Health resets M&A strategy after failed Amedisys bid](#)  
[Tabula Rasa HealthCare Stockholders Approve Acquisition by Nautic Partners](#)  
[ProMedica exits senior-care business with sale of home health and hospice division](#)  
[Pennant Acquires Northern Texas and Southern Oklahoma Hospice Provider](#)  
[HCA violated terms of Mission purchase agreement, North Carolina AG alleges](#)  
[County, Salinas Valley Health present letter of intent to take over Hazel Hawkins DOJ—Healthcare competition warrants 'scrutiny and discussion'](#)

[Regional West Home Care and Hospice partners with Vetter Senior Living, transfers services](#)

[Pennant Group Acquires Guardian Hospice](#)

[Government-owned hospitals seek health system partners](#)

[UCHealth, Parkview finalize merger](#)

[Value-Based Payment Models Driving Nonprofit Hospice Affiliations](#)

[CMS rule could trigger consolidation, headaches for home healthcare](#)

[The Ensign Group Acquires Post Acute Care Campus in Texas](#)

[Sturgis Hospital sold](#)

[Organizations looking at mergers, affiliations must 'get their house in order'](#)

[Home care deals drop to 18 in 2023 Q3, Mertz Taggart reports](#)

[Court approves sale of Iowa City's Mercy Hospital to University of Iowa](#)

[Choice Health at Home Announces Acquisition of Lumicare Hospice of Colorado, Texas, & Arizona](#)

[Choice Health at Home Acquires Lumicare Hospice](#)

[Home Health, Hospice M&A Is Historically Slow As 2023 Comes To Close](#)

['Great Recalibration'—Nursing Home Industry Can Expect To See Deals Increase in 2024](#)

[Moravian Manor Communities, Morningstar Living affiliate under Unitas Communities](#)

[Liberty Hospital deal positions KU Health to compete in KC's Northland](#)

[How Quality, Utilization Will Shape Hospice M&A in 2024](#)

[Bennington nursing home to be sold to company promising specialized care](#)

[Publicly traded health care company sells 3 senior facilities for \\$31M](#)

[Medical staff, CT legislators rally for Prospect hospitals' sale to Yale](#)

[By the Bay Health CEO Skelly Wingard—The Case for Nonprofit Hospice Consolidation](#)

[Not-for-profit senior living and care transitions set record in 2023—Ziegler](#)

[Tenet to sell 3 hospitals to Novant for \\$2.4 billion](#)

[FTC will sue to block John Muir-Tenet hospital deal](#)

[Adventist Health cancels deal to save Madera Hospital. Creditors start liquidation plan](#)

[CMS rule could prompt private equity, REITs to sell nursing homes](#)

[United Church Homes Expands Footprint with Acquisition of Vineyard on Catawba, Renamed The Parkvue Community on Catawba Island](#)

['You Don't Get A Second Chance'—How To Navigate A Home Health Transaction](#)

[County leaders accept letter of intent from Sr. Village potential buyer](#)

[AG approves management transfer of 7 ProMedica SNFs to Providence Group](#)

[Despite headwinds, experts predict home care transactions to pick up next year](#)

[UNM Hospitals to acquire Sandoval Regional Jan. 1](#)

[Cigna, Humana in talks for merger this year—WSJ](#)

[BJC, Saint Luke's of Kansas City merger to close soon](#)

## **FOR-PROFIT PROVIDER NEWS (22)**

[Addus HomeCare to Accelerate Acquisition Activity](#)

[Stronger Personal Care Hiring Is Paying Dividends For Addus](#)

[Graham Holdings Company Reports Third Quarter Earnings](#)

[Humana credits CenterWell for continued growth in Q3](#)

[Interim HealthCare Rises 21 Places on the Franchise Times Top 400](#)

[Chemed Corporation Announces the Retirement of David P. Williams](#)

[NHC Reports Third Quarter 2023 Earnings](#)

[VITAS Appoints Three New Executives, Chemed CFO to Retire](#)

[Chemed Corporation's Board of Directors Authorizes an Additional \\$300 Million for Stock Repurchase](#)

[Enhabit Reports Third Quarter 2023 Financial Results](#)

[Pennant Reports Third Quarter 2023 Results](#)

[Enhabit Mum on Potential Sale](#)

[Hospice Deals Propelling Growth for The Pennant Group](#)

[Aveanna Healthcare's 'Strong, Disciplined' Hospice Growth](#)

[Aveanna Healthcare Holdings Announces Third Quarter 2023 Financial Results](#)

['Plans Are Very Bullish' On Addus' Value-Based Care Proposals, Leaders Say](#)

[State attorney general, doctors and nurses criticize HCA over patient care at North Carolina's Mission Hospital](#)

[This Is Why I Am a Doctor, Thank You, Emma June](#)

[St. Croix Hospice Expands Missouri Footprint](#)

[Local hospice workers give boxes of food to patients for Thanksgiving](#)

[Amazon Once Inspired Fear in the Health-Care Industry. No Longer](#)

[UnitedHealth Group to advance value-based, home care missions in 2024](#)

## **VENTURE CAPITAL & PRIVATE EQUITY NEWS (2)**

[Pitchbook says private equity investments are shifting. Here's how.](#)

[Betterleave to Expand to 12 States Following \\$2.4M Funding Round](#)

## **END-OF-LIFE CARE/PALLIATIVE CARE NEWS (36)**

[COVID's Lasting Effects on Palliative Care](#)

[Breast Cancer Patients Often Lack Access to Palliative Care](#)

[Study—New Palliative Interventions Needed for Adolescents, Young Adults](#)

['A godsend.' JoCo widow didn't know what a death doula was—until she needed one](#)

[Research Identifies the Most Essential Components of Palliative Care Programs](#)

[As a death doula and professor who teaches about dying, I see a need for more conversations about death](#)

[Health Systems Pursue Palliative Care Skill-Building Initiatives](#)

[End-of-Life Doulas Guide the Dying in Northeast Ohio](#)

[Providers Hit Obstacles to Scaling Palliative Care](#)

[Study—Fusing palliative care into cancer surgery prep increases advance directives](#)  
[Earlier Palliative Care Yields Higher ROI](#)

[A Guide to Dying—We Talked to 3 Death Doulas](#)

[Providence Institute for Human Caring Receives First ACP Innovation Award from the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California](#)

[End-of-life digital tech tools must maintain ‘warm’ touch to be effective, experts stress](#)

[6 Uncomfortable But Necessary Questions To Ask Your Older Parents](#)

[End-of-life conversations can be hard, but your loved ones will thank you](#)

[Meet 2 of the Sonoma County women whose job it is to guide the dying](#)

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