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FEATURE ARTICLE

Call for Proposals for Private Duty Education at the 2022 Home Care and Hospice Conference & Expo

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The National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) is now accepting proposals to present new education at the 2020 Home Care and Hospice Conference & Expo in America’s Center Convention Complex, St. Louis, Missouri, October 23-25, 2022.

The deadline for submissions is April 18, 2022.

Education in health care is always critical, but never more so than during and after a major health crisis, such as the one we are going through right now. Home care and hospice agencies continue to provide valuable services and care to patients and families and we must continue to provide them with the best education possible, to enable their life-saving work.

NAHC is looking for engaging presenters with expertise vital to the professional growth of home care, hospice, and private duty organizations. Industry leaders, at all levels, who have extensive and diverse perspectives on a variety of aspects of care delivery in the home health and hospice settings are invited to submit their proposals.
While we welcome lessons learned from COVID-19 and disaster preparedness in general, we also want the proposal ideas that may have been considered before the pandemic. Please note that this year’s theme is “Connections 4.0: Link Up” and will focus on how home care and hospice professionals can forge stronger connections with each other and their patients to improve overall care delivery and foster financial strength and stability within the industry.

This is your opportunity to shape the curriculum for NAHC’s 2022 Home Care and Hospice Conference and Expo. Submit your proposal by April 18, 2022 here.

NAHC would like proposals from the list below, but this list is not exhaustive. If you have a proposal that does not fit within any of these topics, please submit it anyway. We would love to see it.

**TOP STORIES**

**New Webinar: Key Findings from the 2022 HCP Benchmarking Report**

- Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM ET

With the release of the 2022 HCP Benchmarking Report, we have detailed data on how the past year has affected home care agencies, and what it can teach us about operating an agency in the future.

Join Todd Austin, President of Home Care Pulse, as he reviews industry trends, business insights, and actionable data gathered from hundreds of agencies across the nation.

In this webinar, we’ll cover:
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Senator Stabenow’s Senate Statement Honors NAHC’s 40 Years of Advocacy

For the last four decades, the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) has been the leading and unifying voice for patients who want quality care in the home and the providers who make that care possible. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), a long-time friend of home care and hospice, has entered a formal statement in the Senate record thanking NAHC for its years of advocacy.

Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of one of the leading voices in healthcare, the National Association for Home Care and Hospice. Established on April 2, 1982, from three separate organizations, for four decades, it has been a voice for the essential and dedicated organizations that provide healthcare services to over 12 million patients annually in their own homes.

NAHC has provided valuable and trusted information that has helped guide Congress, the administration, Federal agencies, and many other health policy planners as we support the ability of patients to receive high quality healthcare at home.

From the beginning, NAHC has recognized that complex health policy issues require a unified voice. NAHC has brought together providers representing a wide range of home services including home health, hospice care, home and community-based services, home infusion therapy, private duty nursing for pediatric and adult patients, personal care services, home-based palliative care, and more. These providers are big and small, freestanding and part of larger institutions, nonprofit and commercial, rural and urban.

Healthcare continues to shift to care provided in the home—and with good reason. Providing expanded, holistic care in one’s own home when clinically appropriate can improve the lives of patients while increasing quality and efficiency.

I pay tribute today to NAHC’s decades of work to expand access to healthcare at home, and I look forward to partnering with NAHC members and staff for many more years to come.
U.S. Renews Public Health Emergency Again

On Wednesday, April 13, Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) Xavier Becerra renewed the Public Health Emergency (PHE) that has been in effect since January 27, 2020 due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

As a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective April 16, 2022, the January 31, 2020, determination by former Secretary Alex M. Azar II... that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.

This latest renewal of the PHE will last for 90 days, at which point it will lapse or be renewed again.

Aveanna to Pay Family Caregivers as Employees

Thanks to a new law passed in Arizona, a major player in the home health space announced this week that it will help train and pay family members taking care of their loved ones at home.

Aveanna Healthcare Holdings Inc. announced Tuesday that it will participate in Arizona’s Family Licensed Health Aide Program, which will allow
parents, relatives and other family members — who meet eligibility requirements — to care for their younger family members and be compensated for the work they do.

The Various Approaches Needed to Address Workforce Challenges

As workforce shortages remain a challenge for home-based care providers, industry stakeholders are finding that combating the issue in a myriad of ways is the best route.

“We consider [workforce] the No. 1 priority in home care and hospice,” Bill Dombi, president of the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC), said during a panel discussion at the annual Illinois HomeCare & Hospice Council (IHHC) conference on Wednesday. “This is not a new problem. It has just grown in terms of importance, mainly because the need for health care is growing with an aging population.”

Two Maryland bills would raise home care wages, increase transparency

The Maryland Legislature is considering two bills that would help raise home care workers’ wages among a dire caregiver shortage.

One bill (Senate Bill 600/House Bill 544) would give policymakers information to ensure home care jobs have adequate pay and benefits. Those agencies that employ personal care aides and receive Medicaid reimbursement would have to report by Oct. 1...
each year to the Maryland Department of Health information the following: personal care aides’ hourly pay rate, whether the aides are classified as employees or independent contractors, whether the aides have health insurance and are covered by worker’s compensation through the agency, and whether the aides have earned sick and safe leave provided by the agency.

Deepening consumer home care preference presents long-term challenge for facility-based providers: survey

The pandemic accelerated a shift in consumer preference toward home care, presenting a longer-lasting challenge for senior living communities and other facility-based providers in regaining consumer confidence, according to a recent survey.

Toledo, OH-based Transcend Strategy Group’s 2022 national consumer preference survey looked at “the good, the bad and the ugly” of what consumers really think about senior living and care — both in the home and at long-term care facilities — and the key emotional drivers steering decision-making.

HHS to Provide $110 Million in HCBS for Seniors & Disabled

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced it will offer more than $110 million to expand access to home and community-based services (HCBS) through Medicaid’s Money Follows the Person (MFP) program.

First authorized in 2005, MFP has provided states with $4.06 billion to support people who choose to transition out of institutions and back into their homes.
and communities. The new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) makes individual awards of up to $5 million available for more than 20 states and territories not currently participating in MFP. These funds will support initial planning and implementation to get the state/territory programs off the ground, which would ensure more people with Medicaid can receive high-quality, cost-effective, person-centered services in a setting they choose.

National Healthcare Decisions Day is About Taking Control of Life

Saturday, April 16, is the annual National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), which aims to help people across the United States understand the value of advance healthcare planning.

A Conversation Project national survey in 2013 found that 90 percent of all Americans believe talking to their loved ones about end-of-life care is important, but only 27 percent have had such a conversation.

Sixty percent of people believe making sure their family is not burdened by tough end-of-life decisions is important but well over half have not spoken to their loved ones about their own end-of-life preferences, according to a 2012 survey by the California HealthCare Foundation.

We need to shift the center of the healthcare system from
One of the lessons that has been hammered home during the pandemic is that we can no longer rely on hospitals to be the hub for helping people who are sick or suffering from illness: It’s too expensive and they don’t have the capacity.

Problem is, we've long considered the hospital to be the nucleus of our healthcare system. Healthcare in the U.S. has revolved around managing illness — rather than preventing it — and all the high-tech tools that allow you to manage illness have been in hospitals.
and maintain security and privacy compliance.

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