



Hearts for Home Care

What is Palliative Care?

Interdisciplinary care provided by a team in order to treat serious illness. Includes: symptom management, patient and caregiver support, focus on at-home care.

As the population continues to age and the rates of serious illnesses rise, palliative care and hospice continue to grow as vital parts of the healthcare continuum. But as the need for palliative care professionals rises, there is an unprecedented shortage of providers qualified to deliver these services.

Three Steps to Success Through PCHETA

✔ Educations and Training

Establishes **Palliative Care** and **Hospice Education Centers** to improve the interdisciplinary team-based training of health professionals in palliative care, develop and disseminate tools relating to palliative care, and support the training and retraining of faculty at accredited medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and others. Provide grants to schools of medicine and nursing to support faculty and curricula development in hospice and palliative care topics.

✔ Awareness

Establishes a national educational campaign to inform patients and caregivers about the varied services and benefits of palliative care that are available.

✔ Research

Directs the National Institutes of Health to use existing authorities and funds to expand palliative care research to advance clinical practice and improve care delivery.



Estimates show that if this workforce crisis continues, there will be only one palliative physician for every 26,000 seriously ill patients by 2030.



The Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA) (S. 2243) will strengthen the palliative care and hospice workforce in order to combat the growing shortage.