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Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Visiting Nurse Home Care Rebrand as HopeHealth

Home Care & Hospice of New England, HopeHealth in Massachusetts Complete Affiliation

PROVIDENCE, RI - Home Care & Hospice of New England and Massachusetts-based HopeHealth announced today that their affiliation is complete and both entities will now operate under the HopeHealth name. Diana Franchitto will lead the expanded HopeHealth organization.

Under the new structure, the following name changes will occur:

- Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island becomes **Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island**
- Visiting Nurse Home Care becomes **Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth**

The new parent organization will serve Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts and be the largest non-profit hospice and palliative care provider in New England. The move allows the organizations to advance their shared mission of enhancing the quality of life for the patients and families they serve. It will also create a \$75 million regional organization that can thrive in an increasingly competitive and complex healthcare environment. The combined organization's headquarters will be based in Providence, RI.

“We are thrilled to announce the completion of this affiliation and the benefits it will mean for Rhode Islanders,” said Diana Franchitto, president & CEO of HopeHealth. “We have a strong tradition of providing outstanding, high quality care for our patients and families, and this partnership allows us to become a stronger, better organization.”

“As part of this new partnership, all of our organizations now have the word ‘hope’ in their names,” Franchitto added. “It’s a word that reflects our deeply meaningful and compassionate work, and one that most Rhode Islanders will recognize as our state motto.”

Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island is the second oldest hospice in the nation and a national leader in hospice and palliative care. Its academic affiliation with Brown University’s Warren Alpert Medical School for hospice and palliative medicine is the only one of its kind in the country. HopeHealth, which delivers a wide range of medical care and support services addressing chronic care through end of life in eastern Massachusetts, is recognized as one of the premier hospice providers in the region.

Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth is a community-based home health care provider located in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Founded in 1908, the organization's tradition continues to be rooted in providing high-quality care to residents of Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts. They offer coordinated care to meet the full range of home care and palliative care services.

In addition to the three main entities, the affiliation includes the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center and the Hope Palliative Care Center, both located in Providence, R.I. The Hope Palliative Care Center is the first free-standing palliative care outpatient clinic in Rhode Island. The Center provides people living with serious illness access to a palliative care specialist, even if they are not in a hospital or long-term care facility.

As part of the new affiliation, the subsidiaries of each entity will retain their local Boards of Directors, ensuring their continued community engagement, support and guidance. The parent organization will have a Board of Directors with two co-chairs and equal representation from each entity.

“In the days and weeks ahead, HopeHealth will be spreading the word about the new names of each entity through a public awareness campaign,” said Franchitto.

About HopeHealth

[Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, formerly known as](#) Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island has been a leader in hospice and palliative care for nearly four decades and helps people live out the remaining time of their lives with as much comfort and dignity as possible. Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island offers comprehensive medical, emotional and spiritual care for people facing serious illness. Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island is the major teaching affiliate for hospice and palliative medicine for the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

[Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth, formerly known as](#) Visiting Nurse Home Care is an independent, non-profit, community-based home health provider located in Lincoln, RI. Founded in 1908, the organization’s tradition continues to be rooted in providing high-quality home care to residents of Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts. Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth provides nurses, therapists, medical social workers, and home care aides to over 3,500 patients and families in the community. The organization is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is both Medicare and Medicaid Certified.

HopeHealth Massachusetts has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 30 years. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family of services includes: Hope



Hospice; Hope HouseCalls; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services; Hope Care for Kids; and Hope Academy. In June 2014, the Massachusetts Pain Initiative affiliated with the organization.