



Hospice Fundamentals' 2025 Summer Conference

June 10th & 11th, 2025

<u>Day One</u>	<u>June 10, 2025 10:00am – 4:00pm EST</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>CEU Credit</u>
10:00am – 10:30am	Hospice Fundamentals - Welcome	Zuzana Ton, MHSA VP of Operations	
10:30am – 11:15am	Intro to WHY “The Least You Need to Know” <i>Overview of the Scrutiny on the Hospice Industry; OIG national audit, TPE, SMRC and UPICs. Also, we will look at the changes in the Hospice Industry and CMS.</i>	Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C	CCB CEUs: 0.90 CNE CHs: 0.75
11:15am – 11:30am	Break		
11:30am – 12:30pm	When Can a Chaplain Make a Difference <i>They can ensure that patients feel free to discuss their spiritual concerns, ask essential questions, realize the importance of their lives, and feel at peace as they near death.</i>	Melissa Bowers, Chaplain	CCB CEUs: 1.20 CNE CHs: 1.00
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Lunch		
1:15pm – 2:30pm	Care Planning <i>Care planning involves a collaborative process, where individuals and healthcare providers discuss and document a plan to address health needs and promote well-being, encompassing assessment, goal setting, interventions and evaluation.</i>	Julie McGowen, RN	CCB CEUs: 1.50 CNE CHs: 1.25
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm – 4:00pm	Pain Management: The Basics and Beyond at Hospice <i>This session focuses on twelve concepts of pain management that are essential for optimal medication use. It will ensure that both seasoned clinicians and those newer to hospice and palliative care feel confident in their ability to safely and effectively manage their patients’ pain.</i>	Caren Martin, PharmD	CCB CEUs: 1.50 CNE CHs: 1.25



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10:30am – 12:00pm	The Hospice Survey Process <i>This session, provided by an actual State surveyor, will cover both the structure of a Hospice survey, top denials and the best preparation strategies from real-life scenarios!</i>	Maribeth Freland, RN	CCB CEUs: 1.80 CNE CHs: 1.50
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Break		
12:15pm – 1:00pm	LCDs and Payment <i>Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) provide guidelines for Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to determine the medical necessity of hospice services, impacting payment, and are used by providers to determine patient eligibility for hospice benefits.</i>	Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C	CCB CEUs: 0.90 CNE CHs: 0.75
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm – 2:30pm	MSW's Role-More than Just a "presence" <i>Leveraging your Social Worker's Skills- Identify ways to quantify this team member's contribution to a great clinical and financial outcome.</i>	Barbara Ivanko, LCSW, CHPCA	CCB CEUs: 1.20 CNE CHs: 1.00
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm – 4:00pm	Actions for HOPE now! <i>On October 1st, Hospice Agencies will begin collecting data for CMS with the HOPE tool. To ensure your success, this session will provide agencies with a strategy and tools to ensure the teams are ready for the new types of visits, as well as the new quality measures.</i>	Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C	CCB CEUs: 1.50 CNE CHs: 1.25