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**Hospice of Michigan's Vice President of Medical Affairs is Appointed to the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission**

*Dr. Michael Paletta joins 21-member commission*

**DETROIT (Dec. 14, 2016)** –Michael Paletta, MD, FAAHPM, [Hospice of Michigan](http://www.hospiceofmichigan.org)'s vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer, was recently appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission. Paletta joins the 21-member group who will review the Report of Findings and Recommendations for Action from the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, and develop and propose policies and an action plan to implement the report's recommendations.

A resident of Northville, Michigan, Dr. Paletta was selected to represent Michigan hospice organizations and will serve a two-year term.

"Dr. Paletta will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Governor's Commission. We are proud of his dedication to the medical field and we're excited to see him representing Hospice of Michigan at the state government level," said Robert Cahill, president and CEO of Hospice of Michigan.

Dr. Paletta holds a bachelor's degree from Albion College in Albion, Michigan and is a graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. He completed his residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Paletta was awarded a fellowship in geriatric medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and earned a certificate of added qualification (CAQ) in geriatrics. Dr. Paletta is a distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

**About Hospice of Michigan**

A nationally recognized leader in end-of-life care, Hospice of Michigan is the original – and largest – hospice in the state. The nonprofit cares for nearly 1,800 patients each day, raising more than \$5 million each year to cover the cost of care for the uninsured and underinsured. HOM offers a broad range of services to enhance the quality of life at the end of life, including community-based palliative care and pediatric care programs. HOM provides grief support and counseling, caregiver education and support, and education programs for physicians and health care professionals through its research, training and education arm, the Hospice of Michigan Institute. In January 2016, HOM joined forces with Arbor Hospice and Palliative Care, strengthening the mission of nonprofit hospice in Michigan to ensure patients and their caregivers receive the highest quality of care. For more information, call 888.247.5701 or visit [www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org).

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