



Media Contact:

Chase Rossman

Franco

313.567.5048

kenski@franco.com

Hospice of Michigan earns CHAP accreditation

Arbor Hospice is recertified by CHAP

ANN ARBOR, Mich., (Aug. 31, 2017) – The Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc. (CHAP) announced that [Hospice of Michigan](#) (HOM) has been awarded accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence. Additionally, [Arbor Hospice](#), which HOM affiliated with in 2016, also earned CHAP accreditation.

CHAP accreditation demonstrates that HOM meets the industry’s highest nationally recognized standards. Rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources, and long-term viability. Accreditation reinforces HOM and Arbor are providing the highest quality of service to patients and their families in 48 counties across lower Michigan.

“As Hospice of Michigan continues to grow, we will always be driven by our mission to give comfort, assurance and care to families and patients who have life-limiting illnesses,” said HOM and Arbor president and CEO Bob Cahill. “We are proud to receive exceptional survey results that deem our nonprofit organizations’ service to be outstanding while meeting the industry’s high quality of standards.”

“By achieving CHAP accreditation, Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice have shown a commitment to excellence,” said Karen Collishaw, CHAP president and CEO. “We are excited to begin our partnership with Hospice of Michigan by offering support in its commitment to providing quality care and continuous improvement.”

HOM and Arbor are nonprofit agencies that provide care for all - regardless of age, diagnosis, or ability to pay. Both offer 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.

CHAP is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body for home and community-based health care organizations.

About Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice

A nationally recognized leader in end-of-life care, Hospice of Michigan is the original – and largest – hospice in the state, with roots dating back to the 1970s. 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. Headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Arbor has been providing quality, compassionate care for those experiencing life-limiting illnesses throughout southeast Michigan since 1984.

Combined, the affiliated organization cares for nearly 1,800 patients each day across the state. Together, HOM and Arbor raise more than \$6 million each year to cover the cost of care for uninsured and underinsured patients. Both nonprofit organizations provide a broad range of certified hospice and palliative care services to enhance the quality of life at the end of life, including community-based palliative care and pediatric care programs, grief support and counseling and caregiver education and support. Additionally, HOM offers education programs for physicians and health care professionals through its research, training and education arm, the Hospice of Michigan Institute. Arbor offers inpatient hospice care. For more information about HOM, call 888.247.5701 or visit www.hom.org. For more information about Arbor, call 888.992.2273 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

About Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc.

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care. CHAP is the oldest, national, community-based accrediting body with more than 5,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through “deeming authority” granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice, and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP’s purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

For more information about the CHAP accreditation process, please visit the CHAP website at www.chapinc.org. For additional information on CHAP, please contact Michael S. Grogan, Senior Vice President of Business Development, at 202.862.3413 or mgrogan@chapinc.org.

#