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## A10 Highlighted Articles of Interest

### 55 [U.S. hospice market size to reach \\$45.3 billion by 2033](#)

*Grand View Research; April 2026*

The [U.S. hospice market](#) size is estimated to reach USD 45.3 billion by 2033, registering a CAGR of 4.8% from 2026 to 2033, according to a new report by Grand View Research, Inc.

- U.S. Hospice Market Report Highlights ...
- U.S. Hospice Market Segmentation ...
- U.S. Hospice Type Outlook (Revenue, USD Million, 2021 - 2033) ...
- U.S. Hospice Location Outlook (Revenue, USD Million, 2021 - 2033) ...
- U.S. Hospice Diagnosis Outlook (Revenue, USD Million, 2021 - 2033) ...
- List of Key Players in U.S. Hospice Market ...

### 56 [Home health & hospice M&A in 2026: Why the market has reset and what buyers want now](#)

*JD Supra; by Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Jason Bring, Matthew Brohm, Jennifer Downs Bugar; 5/1/26*

This five-part series examines current trends in home health and hospice M&A as the sector enters 2026, including valuation discipline, compliance and clinical risk, the role of artificial intelligence, and how deal structure and preparation are affecting transaction outcomes. Part 1 focuses on the current market environment and the factors driving buyer selectivity.

Key Takeaways

- The home health and hospice M&A market has moved away from peak-era valuation levels ...
- Deal activity increased in late 2025 ...
- Valuation is increasingly tied to verifiable performance ...

### 57 [Ohio's Hospice CEO: prepare for value-based care](#)

*Hospice News; by Jim Parker; 5/6/26*

In time, value-based care will come to hospices, and they must be ready, according to Kent Anderson, CEO of Ohio's Hospice. In this environment, scale will be key, as will a need to better understand the needs and objectives of referral partners, Anderson told Hospice News. He also leads Metta Health, a revenue cycle management consulting firm. Ohio's Hospice is a statewide alliance of nonprofit providers established in 2013. The network leverages its member organizations' collective size in negotiations with



vendors, payers and referral sources, collaborates on back-office functions and shares some expenses and infrastructure.

58 **Technology, collaboration pivotal to speedy hospice admissions**

*Hospice News; by Holly Vossel; 5/6/26*

Rising demand and prolific workforce shortages have strained timely access to hospice among dying patients nationwide. Hospices moving the needle toward improvement have leveraged multifaceted approaches that blend interdisciplinary care support with technology integration... Improving timely hospice access involves a strong focus on accuracy, particularly around patient eligibility and documentation, said Ernesto Lopez, CEO of the health care artificial intelligence company 1520ai.

*Article featured: Ernesto Lopez, CEO of 1520ai; Dr. Tracy Romanello, medical director at Catholic Hospice and Catholic Palliative Care Services; Courtney Penn, COO of Transcend Strategy Group.*

59 **BREAKING NEWS: CMS announces aggressive nationwide crackdown on fraud with six-month hospice and home health agency enrollment moratoria**

*CMS Newsroom; Press Release; 5/13/26*

In coordination with Vice President JD Vance's Anti-Fraud Task Force, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking decisive action to protect Medicare beneficiaries and taxpayer dollars through implementation of a six-month, nationwide data-driven moratoria on new Medicare enrollment for hospices and home health agencies (HHAs). The moratoria will allow CMS to temporarily halt the influx of new providers into these high-risk categories as a key source of fraudulent activity. Today's move continues the Trump Administration's crackdown on fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare program by stopping improper billing and preventing bad actors from entering the system.



*Editor's Note: Responses from the National Alliance for Care at Home and from the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation*

- ***The Alliance responds to CMS’s announcement of nationwide enrollment moratoria on hospice and home health providers***

*National Alliance for Care at Home | The Alliance; Press Release; 5/13/26*

- ***NPHI Commends CMS Action to Implement Temporary Nationwide Hospice Moratorium to Strengthen Hospice Program Integrity***

*National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation | NPHI; Press Release; 5/13/26*

60 **[PARC retreat explores how aging, workforce strains, and federal debt are reshaping U.S. health care](#)**

*Penn LDI - Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics; by Hoag Levins; 5/13/26*

*Penn Gathering of Experts Examines the Growing Pressures Facing Older Americans*

In predicting the future of U.S. health care, it is important to recognize that the long-term health of the population depends not just on medical policy, innovation, or care delivery, but on whether the federal government can sustainably finance the systems that pay for that care, Penn Wharton School Professor and national budget expert Kent Smetters, PhD, told the May 1, 2026 Penn Population Aging Research Center (PARC) Annual Retreat.

61 **[Hospice fraud is real — but so is ethical hospice care](#)**

*Mountain Democrat, Placerville, CA; by Tim Meadows, CEO of Snowline Health; Molly Corbett, CEO of Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice; Deanna Brooks, CEO of Hospice of San Joaquin; Sarah McSpadden, CEO of The Elizabeth Hospice; and Craig Dressang, CEP of YoloCares; 5/20/26*

Recent headlines detailing hospice fraud investigations across California are deeply troubling. ... These investigations are necessary, long overdue and effective. ... However, amid this justified scrutiny, it is critical not to lose sight of an equally important truth: Hospice fraud is not hospice care. ... Just as important, there are clear ways to identify



ethical hospice providers. Families can protect themselves by taking a few simple, informed steps:

- Review Medicare Care Compare ratings and quality data
- Ask how long the hospice has served the community
- Ask about accreditation and quality standards
- Confirm availability of after-hours support and caregiver assistance

62 **Second annual Hospice News provider rankings and trends report: top 50 providers + exclusive analysis**

*Hospice News; 5/26/26*

The hospice sector continues to evolve rapidly, driven by shifting ownership structures, demographic demand and new approaches to caring for seriously ill populations. For the second annual Hospice News 50 report, we partnered with Hospice Analytics to rank the largest hospice chains by 2024 Medicare claims. Drawing on proprietary data — including Medicare payments, corporate disclosures, acquisition activity and SEC filings — the report provides a detailed view of how consolidation, investment patterns and emerging players are reshaping the industry.

63 **Proposed community-based palliative care model aims to expand access to care**

*Hospice News; by Kevin Ryan; 5/22/26*

The National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation (NPHI) has teamed up with the Coalition to Transform Advance Care (C-TAC) to work on building a federal fee-for-service, community-based palliative care model that would provide broader access and earlier support for patients across the United States. Research has shown benefits for patients and families when they are able to receive palliative care early on, after the diagnosis of a serious illness. But many patients in the United States do not receive



palliative care until they have reached a crisis point, Tom Koutsoumpas founder and CEO of NPHI told Palliative Care News.

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