Healthcare professionals are increasingly seeing hospice as an important way to improve care and the quality of life for terminally ill patients. Hospice is available around the state and seen as best practice, but there is still much more that we can do as state to educate the community and make hospice care more accessible and acceptable.

In this informational briefing, two experts from the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), the leading professional organization promoting excellence in hospice care, will speak on current and future trends in hospice regulation and the intersection of policy and quality of care. They will also provide an update on the progress being made across the nation to increase the availability of Palliative Care in a variety of healthcare settings.

Kōkua Mau, a local nonprofit organization, has been committed to improving care for Hawai‘i patients through collaboration, professional and community education, and advocacy for the past 20 years. Kōkua Mau invited the NHPCO speakers to the islands for series of trainings to Hawaii’s hospice leaders. The two speakers are:

**Jennifer Kennedy, EdD, MA, BSN, RN, CHC**  
Senior Director, Regulatory and Quality  
Jennifer has nearly 30 years of experience as a leader and nurse in diverse healthcare settings and has worked in hospice care for close to 20 years. For an extended bio:  
https://www.nhpco.org/speaker/jennifer-kennedy-edd-ma-bsn-rn-chc/

**Judi Lund Person, BA, MPH, CHC**  
Vice President, Regulatory and Compliance  
She serves as a key contact with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Judi She frequently interfaces
with federal administrators of hospice payment policy, Part D, survey and certification, contractor management, and program integrity functions. She represents NHPCO with each of the Medicare administrative contractors and represents hospice and palliative care with other federal agencies and many national organizations. For an extended bio: [https://www.nhpco.org/speaker/judi-lund-person-mph-chc/](https://www.nhpco.org/speaker/judi-lund-person-mph-chc/)

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Please RSVP to Jeannette Kojane at jkoijane@kokuamau.org

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