



Palliative Care Advisory Task Forces

State Task

Force Website	Legislative Establishment	Law/Regulation	Task Force Recommendations	Report
Alabama	SB 95 established the State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life in 2015. The council was established to "consult with and advise the State Health Officer and the department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance and operation of palliative care initiatives in this state."	SB 95	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Connecticut	Public Act 13-55 established the Palliative Care Advisory Council in 2013. Language notes that "the advisory council shall: (1) Analyze the current state of palliative care in the state; and (2) advise the department on matters relating to the improvement of palliative care and the quality of life for persons with serious or chronic illnesses."	Public Act 13-55	Between 2014 and 2017, the council released annual reports summarizing the council's findings. Key recommendations from the most recent report include: continued partnership with the Connecticut Hospital Association Care Decisions Connecticut Advisory Council, including palliative care in requirements for continued education for licensed health care professionals, and working with professional organizations.	2017 Report to the Commissioner of Public Health and the Connecticut General Assembly on Palliative Care
Georgia	GA Code § 31-7-192 established the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council in 2016. Language notes that "the Council shall consult with and advise the Department of Community Health (DCH) on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state."	GA Code § 31-7-192	In 2017, the council released an annual report summarizing the council's inaugural year findings. Key recommendations include the formation of a funded/supported registry for palliative care to inform consumers of what companies and organizations provide in terms of palliative care with quality tracking, continued examination of legislation to support palliative care policies, and increased engagement with organizations, such as faith-based organizations.	2017 Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Annual Report
Hawaii	SCR 142 was a concurrent resolution passed in 2018 that "requests the Department of Health to convene a working group to examine palliative care services and develop recommendations to expand palliative care services in Hawaii."	SCR 142	The working group published a report in 2019 with recommendations including developing a definition of palliative care, supporting palliative care awareness through education, supporting efforts to include palliative care in healthcare insurance and managed care plans and developing a palliative care pilot program.	2019 Report to the Thirtieth Legislature, State of Hawaii

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Illinois	210 ILCS 60/15 passed in 2008, establishing the creation of the Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Board.	210 ILCS 60/15	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Kansas	HB 2031 passed in 2018, establishing the creation of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council.	HB 2031	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Kentucky	SB 65 was enacted in 2019, establishing the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.	SB 65	The council published a list of seven recommendations for the Department of Medicaid Services, including that Medicaid health plans submit strategies for supporting seriously ill members, requiring certain hospitals to provide specialist palliative care, and revising continuing medical education requirements on palliative care for medical professionals. The council also recommended that the Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services of the Kentucky General Assembly hold bi-annual hearings on serious illness care.	Kentucky Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council Recommendations
Louisiana	Act 351 was enacted in 2019 establishing the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council. Act 659 extends the council's termination date three years to August 1, 2025.	Act 351	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Maine	LD 782 (SP 280) was enacted in 2015, establishing the Maine Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council.	LD 782 (SP 280)	The council submitted their 2021 annual report to the legislature describing council activities, but did not include specific recommendations.	2021 Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council Annual Report
Maryland	The MD Code, Health-General Article §§13-1601 through 13-1604 in 2002 created the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life. Effective October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2024, HB 378 directed the Maryland Health Care Commission to convene a palliative care services workgroup and submit two reports in 2023 to the governor and general assembly on its findings, including recommendations around improving palliative care services in Maryland.	HB 378	The State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life published policy recommendations to increase electronic advance directive registrants in December 2020. Recommendations include: mandating carrier participation, embedding advance care planning into health system workflows, making completion and access to advance directives easier, and public awareness and engagement campaigns.	2020 Report to the Joint Committee Chairs

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Massachusetts	HB 4520 created the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council in 2015. Language notes that "the council shall consult with and advise the department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the commonwealth."	HB 4520	The Massachusetts Department of Public Health commissioned a report of key informant interviews on important palliative care issues in 2015.	2015 Report: Palliative Care Key Informant Interviews
Minnesota	Minnesota Statutes section 144.059 established a Palliative Care Advisory Council in 2017. The council was charged to "consult with and advise the commissioner on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the state."	MN Statutes section 144.059	Minnesota released its annual Legislative Report in February 2022, which outlines a set of 4 recommendations. Recommendations include: submitting a definition of palliative care to legislators, developing a list of core palliative care services for the state, identifying potential payment models incorporating the core services, and conducting a cost analysis study comparing models.	2022 Minnesota Palliative Care Advisory Council Legislative Report
Montana	Montana Annotated Code 50-12-203 through 50-12-204 established the Palliative Care And Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council in 2017. The council shall "advise the department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and evaluation of outcomes of palliative care initiatives in this state."	MT Annotated Code 50-12-203 through 50-12-204	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Nebraska	LB 323 established the Palliative Care Council in 2017. The council "shall consult with and advise the Department of Health and Human Services on matters relating to palliative care initiatives."	LB 323	In 2022, the council released a report detailing the council's progress and proposing recommendations, including updating definitions of palliative care, creating new Medicaid codes for palliative care, expanding palliative options in existing Medicaid plans, convening a palliative care summit, and holding periodic legislative hearings on serious illness.	2022 Progress Report and Recommendations

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Nevada	SB 136 established the State of Nevada Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life in 2017. The council "is to work with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish an information and education program and to assess the availability of patient-centered palliative care in Nevada."	SB 136	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
New Jersey	NJ A312 established the Palliative Care and Hospice Care Advisory Council in the Department of Health in 2019, charged, in "collaboration with the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, to implement the provisions of the bill, including establishing the Palliative Care and Hospice Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, developing the information to be provided to patients and residents by hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities and facilitating the provision of this information, and developing resources and programs to facilitate access to palliative care and hospice care services for patients and residents." Previously, the New Jersey Governor's Advisory Council on End-of-Life Care was established by Public Act 2011, Chapter 113.	NJ A312	In 2018, the Department of Health released a report from the Governor's Advisory Council on End-of-Life Care summarizing 26 immediate and long-term recommendations for improving end-of-life care in New Jersey.	2018 Governor's Advisory Council on End of Life Care Report and Recommendations
New York	New York State (NYS) CLS Pub Health §2807-N, which was enacted in 2007, established the creation of the New York State Palliative Care Education and Training Council; the goals of the legislation co-aligned with the creation of a task force.	New York State (NYS) CLS Pub Health §2807-N	The council published recommendations in 2018 for the New York State Education Department, Commissioner of Health, providers, and nursing and social work schools regarding palliative care.	2018 Recommendations of the New York State Palliative Care Education and Training Council

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Ohio	Ohio Revised Code 3701.36 established in 2019 the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council to "consult with and advise the director on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state."	OH Revised Code 3701.36	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Oklahoma	HB 1085 created the The Home Care, Hospice & Palliative Care Advisory Council in 2015, for the purpose of making recommendations on ways to improve the quality and delivery of palliative care.	HB 1085	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Oregon	SB 608 established the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council in the Oregon Health Authority in 2015 to consult with the director on "matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation and evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state".	SB 608	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Rhode Island	H 5204 established the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council in 2013, to consult with and "advise the department of health on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the state."	H 5204	None found on state website.	None found on state website.
Tennessee	Chapter 955 of the Public Acts of 2018 established the State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, "to continually assess the status of palliative care, including barriers to care, in Tennessee."	Chapter 955 of the Public Acts of 2018	In 2022, the State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council published an updated report, including accomplishments of the council and recommendations from 2019-2022 for the advancement of palliative care in the state.	2022 State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council Report

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Texas	In 2015, HB 1874 was enacted creating the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council "to assess the availability of patient-centered and family-focused palliative care in this state."	HB 1874	In October 2022, the council released recommendations to the legislature, which include: including supportive palliative care interdisciplinary teams and minimum provider qualifications in home health agencies; developing an advance care planning benefit; including pediatric palliative care specialists into interdisciplinary teams; promoting continuing education opportunities; establishing a Supportive Palliative Care Awareness Day; and expanding the Medicare hospice benefit to include pediatric and perinatal support.	2022 Texas Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council Recommendations to the 88th Texas Legislature
Vermont	Act 25, which was enacted in 2009, requested the convening of a Palliative Care and Pain Management Task Force; the goals of the Act co-aligned with the creation of a task force.	Act 25	The task force has released annual reports containing recommendations every year since 2010. The 2023 report recommended extending and considering making permanent the provision for remote witnessing of advance directives, clarifying current statutes around remote witnessing, and allowing electronic signatures for advance directives. It also includes information about local, regional, and state work in palliative care supports.	2023 Palliative Care and Pain Management Task Force Annual Report
Wyoming	W.S. § 35-1-1201-1205 created the Palliative Care Advisory Council as an advisory body to "maximize the effectiveness of palliative care in Wyoming by making comprehensive and accurate information and education about palliative care. W.S. § 35-1-1201, 1203, and 1204 sunset on July 1, 2023.	W.S. § 35-1-1201-1205	None found on state website.	None found on state website.