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September 29, 2023 | Virtual

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8:45am - 3:45pm

8:45 - 9:00am	Welcome & Introductions	Beth Werner, MNHPC
9:00 - 10:15am	Regulatory Hot Topics	Judi Lund Person, NHPCO
10:15 - 10:30am	Break	
10:30 - 11:45am	Preparing for Value Based Insurance Design (VBID)	Katie Wehri and Theresa Forster, NAHC
11:45 - 12:30pm	Lunch	
12:30 - 1:20	Trends in Hospice Survey Findings	Peter Cole and Brenda Fischer, MDH
1:20 - 2:10pm	Medicare Billing Updates <i>*this session will not be recorded</i>	Andrea Freibauer, NGS
2:10 - 2:40pm	State Legislative Panel	Dana Bacon, LLS and Lynn Varco, MAEH
2:40 - 2:50pm	Break	
2:50 - 3:00pm	MNHPC Updates	Alex Clark
3:00 - 3:45pm	DHS and Hospice Collaboration: Hospice Guidance for the Coverage of Medical Supplies in the Nursing (NF) Facility/Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	Lores Vlaminck and Beth Werner, MNHPC

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This training will be recorded as permitted by individual speakers.*

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Number of Patients Served in 2021	Early Bird Member	Early Bird Non-Member
2,000+	\$749	\$849
1,000 to 1,999	\$499	\$599
500 to 999	\$399	\$499
200 to 499	\$299	\$409
50 to 199	\$249	\$349
0 to 49	\$199	\$299

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Judi Lund Person
*National Hospice and
Palliative Care
Organization*

Judi serves as a key contact with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, interfacing with hospice payment policy, Part D, survey and certification, contractor management, and program integrity functions, among others. She also represents hospice and palliative care with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and other federal agencies and many national organizations. Recent issues include working with the GAO on a study for elder abuse and neglect in hospice, discussions with CMS on the implementation of the HOSPICE Act, including surveyor training and enforcement remedies, advocating for a new process for Part D notification of hospice election, addressing confusion about attending physicians, and ongoing work with the Medicare Administrative Contractors on hospice payment policy issues.



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Katie Wehri
*National
Association for
Home Care and
Hospice*

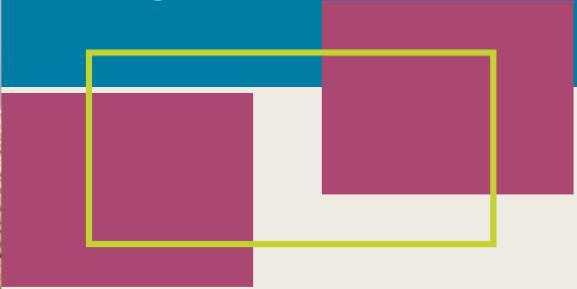
Katie Wehri is the Director of Home Health and Hospice Regulatory Affairs for NAHC. She has over 30 years of experience in home health and hospice, holding several executive-level positions.

Katie has extensive and direct knowledge of industry operations, regulation, accreditation standards, interpretation and compliance, quality assessment, and performance improvement programming and compliance programs.

She holds a bachelor's degree in health care administration and human resources from the Bowling Green State University in Ohio.



Theresa Forster
*National
Association for
Home Care and
Hospice*



Theresa Forster is Vice President for Hospice Policy & Programs at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC). She coordinates the organization's legislative, regulatory, and other efforts on behalf of hospice providers. She has been at NAHC since 1996, and previously served as Director of the Special Committee on Aging of the United States Senate. In that capacity, she directed Committee efforts to investigate concerns related to the senior citizens of the nation. Theresa began her career with 11 years of service in the U.S. Senate, much of which she spent on the staff of Senator David Pryor of Arkansas, advising on legislation regarding Medicare, Medicaid, health and welfare issues.



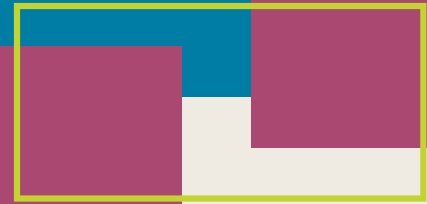
Andrea Freibauer *National Government Services*

Andrea Freibauer has had a career in Medicare for over 26 years, working in various departments for several Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B Fee-For-Service Contractors. Since 2001, she has focused on Medicare FFS education for both Part A and Part B providers, joining National Government Services as a Provider Outreach and Education Consultant in September 2008. In January 2023, she joined the National Government Services Home Health and Hospice team, focusing on Hospice billing. An enthusiastic trainer, she enjoys the challenge of educating a wide range of adult learners with understanding the complexities of the Medicare Program. Andrea graduated from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Communications. She is currently located in Connecticut.



Dana Bacon

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



Dana Bacon has worked for over 20 years at the intersections of policy, politics, and advocacy. A graduate of the University of Minnesota (BA, Scandinavian Studies) and Hamline University (MA, Public Administration), Dana currently serves as Senior Director, State Government Affairs for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He is based in Rosemount, Minnesota.



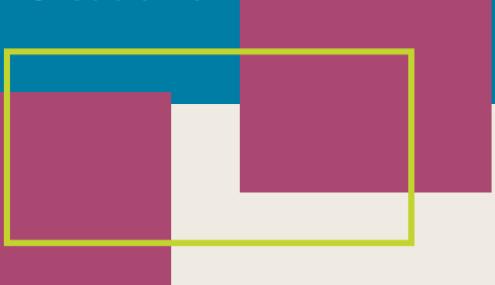
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Lynn Varco
*Minnesota Alliance
for Ethical Healthcare*

Lynn Varco has worked in public policy and government relations with a focus on issues related to healthcare and end-of-life care. He has developed advocacy engagement activities, conducted lobbying, managed research projects, and drafted policy briefs and legislative testimony. Lynn earned his BA in philosophy from the University of Chicago and was a Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.



Pete Cole
*Minnesota
Department of
Health*



Pete received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and chemistry at Luther College and an Associate of Arts degree at St. Catherine University. He has over 32 years of nursing experience in both acute care and hospice. This has included positions as Program Educator, Clinical Manager and Clinical Director. He has worked with the Minnesota Department of Health since September of 2019 where he started as a Nursing Evaluator prior to becoming a Regional Operations Supervisor in 2022. Pete is federally certified to survey nursing homes and hospice agencies and is the MDH lead hospice supervisor.



Brenda Fischer *Minnesota Department of Health*

Brenda Fischer, RN, Regional Operations Manager (ROM) with the Minnesota Department of Health and has worked in the Health Regulation Division in the Licensing and Certification section. Brenda has worked for MDH for a number of years as a surveyor, unit supervisor and currently as a Regional operation manager (ROM). She currently oversees federal evaluation and Rapid Response teams across the state along with overseeing the MN Nurse Aid Registry.

She is certified by Center for Medicare and Medicare to complete surveys for NH, HHA, Hospitals, ICF/IID and Hospice agencies. She assists the regulators and providers in understanding and implementing state and federal regulations for these provider types.

A portrait of Lores Vlaminck, a woman with short, wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blazer over a leopard-print top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and grey.

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Lores Vlaminck

Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care

In addition to being a certified hospice and palliative care nurse, Lores is also a trainer for the End-of-Life-Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC), curriculum that encompasses palliative and hospice care. She was named the “2010 Geriatric ELNEC Educator of the Year” by ELNEC.

Speaking topics include end-of-life care, grief and loss, compassion fatigue, professional boundaries, pain and symptom management and many health and employee related topics. Lores also offers national, international consulting and mentoring services -- encompassing education, training and compliance evaluations -- to hospice and home care agencies, assisted living providers and long-term care facilities.

Currently, Lores serves as a board member of two non-profit health care organizations, is a national speaker for PESI Healthcare and ELNEC. Lores is a graduate of Bethel University in St Paul, MN and holds a degree of Bachelor of Science in nursing as well as a Master’s degree in nursing education.



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Beth Werner

Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care

Beth Werner is a Registered Nurse with a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration and Mini Master of Business Administration. She has over 28 years of experience in Hospice and Palliative Care. Beth is recognized as a compassionate and skilled leader with broad Hospice experience. Her current role is with Ecumen Hospice as the Quality Coordinator. Throughout her career, Beth has worked on a variety of projects and publications, all in the service of those seriously ill and dying. She is known for presenting locally, statewide and on the national level. She is a past Board of Director for the Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), a current Board of Director for the Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care (MNHPC) and chairs their Standards of Practice Committee. Beth is the MNHPC representative to National Government Services (NGS).