

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Policy Alert

Representative Blumenauer Releases Draft Hospice CARE Act

To: *NHPCO Provider and State Members*
From: *NHPCO Policy Team*
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On Thursday, June 13, Representative Earl Blumenauer (OR-3) released a draft of the [Hospice Care Accountability, Reform, and Enforcement Act \(Hospice CARE Act\)](#) along with [an overview](#) and [section-by-section summary](#). The Hospice CARE Act focuses on hospice payment reform and program integrity. The draft bill includes sections NHPCO has previously recommended through our 34 program integrity recommendations as well as initiatives we have opposed (e.g., discontinuation of telehealth for the face-to-face). NHPCO will provide additional analysis on the bill soon.

Representative Blumenauer's office has requested feedback by July 3, 2024. NHPCO and NAHC will be hosting roundtables to hear from members about the potential impact of the bill. Be prepared to speak about the impact the different sections would have on your organization.

- Friday, June 21 from 12 to 1 p.m. ET: [Payment Reform](#)
- Monday, June 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. ET: [Program Integrity](#)

Register for the roundtables to receive the Zoom information. If you have feedback prior to the roundtables, please email innovation@nhpco.org with 'Hospice CARE Act' in the subject line.