



# States with Palliative Care Advisory Councils or Task Forces

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<a href="#">Alabama</a>	<a href="#">State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life SB95 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."</a>	
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care Advisory Council SB 991 established the Palliative Care Advisory Council in 2013. "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."</a>	
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council GA Code § 31-7-192 established the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council in 2016. The council consults with and advises the Department of Community Health (DCH) on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in this state. "</a>	<p><a href="#">In 2017, the council released an annual report summarizing the council's inaugural year findings. Key recommendations include:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">-The formation of a funded/supported registry for palliative care to inform consumers what companies and organizations provide in terms of palliative care with quality tracking;</a></li> <li><a href="#">-Continued examination of legislation to support palliative care policies; and</a></li> <li><a href="#">-Increased engagement with stakeholders, such as faith-based organizations.</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">-No further information on the status of a palliative care registry was publicly available in the Georgia: 2017 Annual Report.</a></p>
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	<a href="#">SCR 142 is 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."</a>	
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	<a href="#">Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Board 210 ILCS 60/15 passed in 2008, establishing the creation of the Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Board.</a>	
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	<a href="#">Kansas Palliative Care Advisory Council HB 2031 passed in 2016, established the creation of the Kansas Palliative Care Advisory Council.</a>	
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council SB 65 was enacted in 2019 establishing the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services</a>	
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council R.S. 36:259(B)(36) and R.S. 40:2018.6 were enacted in 2019, establishing the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council.</a>	
<a href="#">Maine</a>	<a href="#">Maine Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council LD 782/SP 280 were enacted in 2016, establishing the Maine Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council.</a>	<a href="#">In 2016, the council collaborated with Hospice Analytics, Inc. to determine the prevalence of palliative care in Maine. Thirty-four hospitals and 26 hospices in Maine were surveyed via telephone about their palliative care programs. Based on the findings, a clearly distinguished definition of a palliative care program was recommended. Source-Maine: Survey</a>



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Maryland	<a href="#">The State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, The Health-General Article §§13601 through 13-1604 created the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the end of life in 2002.</a>	<a href="#">The workgroup met monthly from July through December 2009 and agreed to common goals in improving the quality of end-of-life counseling and care at the end of life. The workgroup's findings and recommendations are contained in the <a href="#">Report on Hospice Care, Palliative Care and End of Life Counseling</a>.</a>
Massachusetts	<a href="#">The Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council HB 4520 created the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council in 2015. "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."</a>	
Minnesota	<a href="#">Palliative Care Advisory Council Minnesota Statutes, Section 144.059, passed in the 2017 legislative session, created a Palliative Care Advisory Council. 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."</a>	<a href="#">In February of 2020, Minnesota released its <a href="#">Summary of Palliative Care Policy Recommendations for 2020 and Beyond</a>. The resource outlines 19 key recommendations, including developing a clear definition of palliative care independent of hospice, and requiring a minimum number of hours of instruction in primary palliative care and pain management through state health professional licensure and continuing education guidelines. Source: <a href="#">The Minnesota: 2020 Legislative Report</a></a>
Missouri	<a href="#">The Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council SB 365 established the Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council in 2016. The council "shall be a palliative care consumer and professional information and education program to improve quality and delivery of patient-centered and family-focused care in this state."</a>	
Montana	<a href="#">Palliative Care And Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council HB 265 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."</a>	
Nebraska	<a href="#">Palliative Care Council 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."</a>	
Nevada	<a href="#">Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life 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."</a>	
New Hampshire	<a href="#">Palliative Care Center for Health Care Consumers and Providers SB 259 established "a palliative care center for health care consumers and providers and continually appropriating a special fund in 2015." The center shall monitor the state of palliative care in New Hampshire and promote education of health care consumers and health care providers. Source: <a href="#">Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life</a>.</a>	



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<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care and Hospice Care Advisory Council NJ A312 established the Palliative Care and Hospice Care Advisory Council in the Department of Health, charged with, 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."</a>	<a href="#">In 2016, the Department of Health released a report from the council summarizing 26 immediate and long-term recommendations for improving end-of-life care in New Jersey.</a>
<a href="#">New York</a>	<a href="#">New York State Palliative Care Education and Training Council, NYS CLS Pub Helth §2807-n, which was enacted in 2007, did not mandate the creation of the New York State Palliative Care Education and Training Council, but the goals of the legislation co-aligned with the creation of a task force.</a>	
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council HB 286 in 2018 created 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"</a>	
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	<a href="#">The Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Council HB 1085, created the Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life in 2015, for the purpose of making recommendations on ways to improve the quality and delivery of palliative care.</a>	
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council Senate Bill 608 passed during the 2015 legislative session established the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council in the Oregon Health Authority to consult with the director on "matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation and evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the state."</a>	
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council 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."</a>	
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	<a href="#">State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council Chapter 955 of the Public Acts of 2018 establishes the State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, "to continually assess the status of palliative care, including barriers to care, in Tennessee."</a>	<a href="#">In 2019, the State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council updated their 2018 final report. The updated report includes key recommendations for the advancement of palliative care in the state. Source: Tennessee:2019 Updated Report</a>



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<a href="#">Texas</a>	<a href="#">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."</a>	<p><a href="#">In November of 2018, the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council released Recommendations to the 86th Texas Legislature. The recommendations include:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">-Adopting statutory language for supportive palliative care as distinct from hospice palliative care; and</a></li> <li><a href="#">-Encouraging Medicaid to utilize financial incentives to promote the establishment of high-quality interdisciplinary palliative care programs and services.</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Source: Texas: Recommendations</a></p>
<a href="#">Vermont</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care and Pain Management Task Force ACT 25, which was enacted in 2009, did not mandate the creation of the Palliative Care and Pain Management Task Force, the goals of the act co-aligned with the creation of a task force.</a>	<p><a href="#">The Vermont Palliative Care and Pain Management Task Force released a 2020 annual report outlining key recommendations for stakeholders, including professional development for health care practitioners on serious illness and access to appropriate pain management for patients with serious illness and those at end-of-life. Source: Vermont: 2020 Annual Reports</a></p>
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	<a href="#">State Advisory Coalition on Palliative Care W.V. Code §16-54-1 created the State Advisory Coalition on Palliative Care State in 2018. The advisory body was "charged with improving quality and delivery of patient-centered and family-focused palliative care in West Virginia".</a>	
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	<a href="#">Palliative Care Advisory Council. 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 available to the public, health care providers and health care facilities."</a>	