

## VA Fact Sheet for Hospice Partners

<p><b>Name of VAMC, address, main phone number, web site, [website URL for HPC services]:</b>          VA Northport          79 Middleville Rd          Northport, NY 11768          (631) 261-4400</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.northport.va.gov/services/pallcare.asp">http://www.northport.va.gov/services/pallcare.asp</a></p> <p><b>Name of Contact for Regional (VISN) office:</b>          Carol Luhrs, MD VISN 3 PC Medical Director          (718) 836-6600 x6702  <a href="mailto:Carol.Luhrs@va.gov">Carol.Luhrs@va.gov</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sandy Diaz, VISN 3 PC Program Specialist          (212) 686-7500, x6422 or (718) 741-4110  <a href="mailto:Sandra.Diaz2@va.gov">Sandra.Diaz2@va.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Palliative care contact and alternate: name, title, phone number; fax; email:</b>          Joseph Calandrino, DO, PC Coordinator Phone: (631) 261-4400 Ext: 5528          Pager: (631)-233-1029          Cell: (631)-291-5123          Email: <a href="mailto:Joseph.Calandrino@va.gov">Joseph.Calandrino@va.gov</a></p> <p>Younghee Limb, MD, ACOS Extended Care Phone:631-261-4400 Ext: 5075          Cell:631-774-4744          Email: Younghee.Limb@va.gov</p> <p><b>After hours contact:</b> Northport VA Medical Number is (631)-261-4400  <b>In emergency only, contact:</b> Joseph Calandrino, Palliative Care Coordinator on Blackberry (631)-291-5123</p>
<p><b>Service area covered by VA:</b> New York; Suffolk and Nassau County</p>
<p><b>Brief description of palliative and hospice care program: (Hospice unit, palliative care consult team, palliative care outpatient clinics):</b>          HPC Program includes in- and out-patient consultations, as well as in-patient services for qualifying Veterans. Veterans who suffer from life-limiting illnesses with an expected survival time of 6 months or less can choose in-patient hospice care on the Palliative Care Unit located in CLC4. This EOL care is dedicated to honoring Veterans preferences at the end of life, and emphasizes human dignity and comfort care.</p>
<p><b>Process for expedited enrollment and approval of VA-paid hospice services: [Include the name and contact information and a brief description of the process]</b>          Referrals to hospice from Primary care providers are screened by Community Health Nurse Coordinators. Those Veterans who meet criteria are then referred to VA Hospice Partners for evaluation.</p>
<p><b>Name and contact information for approval of VA paid hospice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joseph Calandrino, Palliative Care Coordinator: (631)-261-4400 Ext:5528 or (631)-291-5123</li> <li>• Barbara Hansen, RN, CHNC: 631-261-4400 Ext:2072</li> <li>• Caryn Darquea, RN, CHNC: 631-261-4400 Ext:5909</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Name and number to contact for Veteran admission to VA inpatient hospice unit:</b></li> <li>• PC Coordinator</li> <li>• Hosana Jean-Etienne, LCSW, PCU Social Worker, Ext:7441,</li> </ul>
<p><b>Death notification requirement:</b> Please notify PCCT Joseph Calandrino, DO x5528</p>
<p><b>Business office contact for reimbursement and billing issues: CPAC,</b> Patricia Helgesen 631-261-4400 Ext:7824</p>
<p><b>Decedent Affairs Officer:</b> Daniel Carroll 631-261-4400 Ext: 2566</p>
<p><b>PTSD resource:</b> Dr. Galak 631-261-440 Ext: 631-261-4400 Ext: 4520</p>

**Homeless coordinator:** Gregory Curran 631-261-4400 Ext: 2204

**Vet Center:** Babylon Vet Center 116 West Main St. Babylon NY, 11702 (631) 661-3930 **Carol Wirth**

**RESOURCES:**

National Suicide prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK

National Cemetery information: [www.cem.va.gov/](http://www.cem.va.gov/)

Death and Burial benefits [www.cem.va.gov/bbene/benvba.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/bbene/benvba.asp)

Military discharge information: [www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp](http://www.vba.va.gov/vba/benefits/offices.asp)

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