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Gwynn B. Sullivan, Project Director
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National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care
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Dear Ms. Sullivan,

The National Association of Social Workers is pleased to endorse the *National Consensus Project (NCP) Guidelines on Quality Palliative Care, 4th Edition*. NASW, representing 120,000 professional social workers, appreciates the work of the committee to create this important document that details the key features of quality care for people with serious illness. The NCP Guidelines serve both providers and consumers.

NASW is glad to be an ongoing partner in NCP's work, participating in the revision process for the 3rd Edition of the Guidelines and the NCP Stakeholder Summit in 2017 to provide feedback for this 4th Edition. The vision of the Guidelines reflects current trends and advancements—that palliative care is becoming more accessible across the continuum of care and in community settings. The NCP Guidelines honor the role of social workers to address psychosocial needs in palliative care and highlight that regardless of setting, social workers must be a part of the interdisciplinary team.

The NCP Guidelines set a high standard for quality palliative care for professionals and families and we hope that all palliative care settings will strive to adopt them. NASW looks forward to sharing the Guidelines with our membership and networks this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are other ways that NASW can support this work, at naswceo@socialworkers.org or 202-408-8600, Ext. 200.

Sincerely,



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