

Eli's Hospice Insider

Finance: Hospices Open Inpatient Facilities Nationwide

From 3 to 16 beds, new facilities are serving their communities.

GIP care may be on enforcement authorities' minds more than ever, in light of a recent \$10 million settlement over related billing. Add to that the number of hospice facilities continuing to open, and the GIP target only grows larger.

Take a look at these new hospice facilities:

In Washington state: Longview-based **Community Home Health & Hospice** has opened a 10-bed facility in Salmon Creek in Vancouver, reports The Columbian newspaper. The next phase for the facility will be construction of an 8,700-square-foot grief support center and memorial garden, then another 10-bed addition to the hospice in 2017 or 2018, the paper says.

In Michigan: The nonprofit **Save Brian's House Community Group** is renovating and opening a six-bed hospice residence at a former church in Hampton Township, reports mlive.com. Bay City based for-profit **Home and Hospice Advantage** will lease and operate the facility. The original Brian's House was moved, then closed in 2012 by **McLaren Bay Region**. McLaren offers inpatient hospice care on its main campus. Save Brian's House has raised about \$200,000 toward its \$300,000-to-\$400,000 goal and hopes to open in the fall, according to mlive.com.

In Connecticut: **Regional Hospice and Home Care's 12-bed Center for Comfort Care and Healing** began operating in Danbury earlier this year, notes the Wilton Bulletin. The 36,000-square-foot, stand-alone, nonprofit-run facility has 144 employees and will house about 1,000 patients a year — mostly youth — and their families. Regional Hospice went through an eight-year process, necessitating changes to the state's laws, to build the \$12 million center, the newspaper says.

In Texas: **Hendrick Medical Center** in Abilene broke ground for a new Hospice Care Center last month, reports WKTX News. The \$12 million, 40,800-square-foot inpatient center will have 16 rooms, as well as a bereavement center, home care offices, space for volunteer training, and common areas for families and visitors, the station says. **Hendrick Hospice** has operated for 30 years.

In Virginia: **Bon Secours Health System** is finishing up its **Bon Air Community Hospice House** in Richmond, reports Richmond BizSense. Bon Secours is a bit short of its \$8 million fundraising goal for the facility, but it has enough funding to complete construction and open the doors soon.

In North Carolina: **Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care** plans to build a six-bed hospice facility in Yadkinville next year, reports the Yadkin Ripple newspaper. Land has already been purchased for the project. Fundraising is more than half-way to its \$2.5 million goal, reports the Winston-Salem Journal.

In Idaho: **Hospice of Eastern Idaho** plans to open the state's second hospice home by August, reports the News-Press & Gazette of Idaho. The facility in Ammon will have six beds.

In Utah: Nonprofit organization **The Inn Between** plans to open a hospice facility aimed at serving homeless people in Salt Lake City, reports Fox 13 News. The hospice and homeless facility hopes to open in mid-August, but has faced pushback from the city council.

In Iowa: **Hospice Home of Johnson County** has raised about \$125,000 toward its goal of opening a four- to eight-bed facility in 2016, it says on its website.

In Hawaii: Nonprofit **Islands Hospice** will open Maui's first hospice inpatient unit this summer, reports the Maui Time

newspaper. **Kahului Hospice Home** plans to accept its first patients by July 1.

In Maryland: The **Caroline Hospice Home** in Denton is scheduled to reopen in August, after months of renovations, reports the Star Democrat newspaper. The three-bed facility's owner, the **Caroline Hospice Foundation**, has entered into a partnership with **Compass Regional Hospice** to operate the facility, according to the paper.

In New Hampshire: **Hyder Family Hospice House** in Dover has reopened. The county-owned facility was closed last year. Now it will have "open admission," meaning guests served by any hospice may stay there, reports the Portsmouth Herald newspaper.