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Hospice News: Accrediting Body Launches Palliative Care Certification

Home care or other health care providers that furnish palliative care in the home, but to patients who don't qualify for or elect the Medicare hospice benefit, have a new source for accreditation.

The **Joint Commission** is launching "the industry's first certification for home health and hospices that provide palliative care services in the patient's place of residence," the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.-based accrediting body says. Organizations could begin to applying for the Community-Based Palliative Care (CBPC) certification on May 1 with onsite surveys to start on July 1, says the organization formerly known as JCAHO.