

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Hospice Facility Building On The Rise

Following a trend seen across the country, one area of Virginia will see its hospice options expanding soon.

The **Sentara Healthcare** health system plans to open in January a 12-bed hospice facility in Virginia Beach, reports The Virginian-Pilot newspaper. Sentara currently offers hospice only in patients' residences and the hospital, but the Sentara Hospice House will be attached to the system's assisted living facility.

And the **Hospice Alliance of Hampton Roads**, a nonprofit that has been raising money for four years to build a hospice in Virginia Beach, expects to break ground on an eight-bed facility next year, says founder and president **Debra Price**.

Sentara had been considering building the facility since 2009, but the state's slow hospice regulation promulgation didn't result in final licensing regs until 2011, the Virginian-Pilot notes.