

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Hospice News: Nursing Home Diversion Leads To Major Hospice Spike, AP Reports

The uptick in hospice utilization is not going unnoticed. Hospices are seeing double-digit percentage increases in the number of patients being cared for at home, reports the Associated Press.

**For example:** Carroll Hospice in Westminster, Maryland, has seen a 30 percent to 40 percent spike in demand for home-based care due to the desire to avoid nursing homes and COVID risk, executive director **Regina Bodnar** told AP.



Caregivers' work-from-home schedules also make maintaining a hospice patient at home more feasible during the pandemic, noted **Carole Fisher** with the National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation.