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### Hospice News: State Regs Burden Inpatient Hospice Facilities

In addition to handing over its patients to another HHA, the **Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care of Southwestern Connecticut** has closed its 12-bed **Richard L. Rosenthal Hospice** facility in Stamford, reports the Stamford Advocate. "The financial reality is that VNHC no longer has the ability to keep it open," VNHC board member **Mark Santagata** told the newspaper.

VNHC had announced its closure in October. Onerous state regulations for hospice facilities kept another hospice from taking over the facility, the newspaper reports. Revisions to the state regs, which have been supported by 29 of the state's 30 hospice providers, will come under review by a state legislature committee in February.