



**Hospice and Home Care of Juneau,
a division of Catholic Community Service**

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**HOSPICE AND HOME CARE OF JUNEAU PROGRAM TO SUSPEND SERVICES DUE
TO STAFFING SHORTAGE**

JUNEAU, AK: Hospice and Home Care of Juneau will be discharging all patients from hospice and home health services effective October 19, 2022. We are unable to continue provide services due to lack of registered nursing staff.

The State of Alaska and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have been informed and been provided sufficient notice of its planned cessation of business.

The seventeen-home health and two hospice patients and caregivers have been informed. Unfortunately, there is not another agency in Juneau to assume the care of these patients, so patients will follow up with their physicians to develop individual plans to address their medical needs. Patients and caregivers have been educated on when to call 911 for immediate life-threatening illness. Supplies required for the caregivers and patients have been left in the home.

Catholic Community Service continues to maintain volunteer staff including chaplains and volunteers and encourages hospice patients (and patients at end-of-life) to request spiritual support and volunteer services by calling 907-463-6111.

Catholic Community Service is coordinating with Bartlett Regional Hospital and is hopeful that both hospice and home health services will become available in Juneau soon.

We appreciate your support during this difficult transition.

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