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HopeHealth and Massachusetts Pain Initiative Announce Affiliation

HYANNIS, MA - [HopeHealth](http://www.HopeHealth.org), formerly known as Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, and Massachusetts Pain Initiative (MassPI) announced they entered into an affiliation agreement. Under the agreement, MassPI becomes an independent division of HopeHealth and retains their brand and identity. MassPI will operate under HopeHealth's nonprofit umbrella with HopeHealth establishing a separate restricted fund for donations made directly to MassPI. Members of the MassPI Steering Council will become members of a Steering Committee of the HopeHealth Board of Directors.

"This is a natural alignment for both organizations," said David Rehm, CEO & president, HopeHealth. "Both of our mission statements speak to quality of life and we are committed to promoting and providing effective pain management and appropriate care for the residents of Massachusetts. We look forward to working together to raise awareness of both organizations and our common interests in promoting improvements in pain management for the Commonwealth, including awareness initiatives, education programs and policy advocacy efforts."

According to Ann Marie Harootunian, Co-Chair of MassPI's Steering Council, "MassPI is excited about the new partnership with HopeHealth. This alliance strengthens our organization's ability to fulfill the mission of supporting the needs of people living and dying with pain in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We look forward to working together to achieve our mutual goals."

MassPI is a statewide, nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to ending needless suffering from persistent and acute pain and to improving the quality of life for all people affected by pain. Comprised of healthcare professionals and laypersons, the organization includes physicians, nurses, social workers, caregivers and community members who are interested in helping people with pain. Membership in the organization is free. MassPI works with volunteers interested in improving the quality of life for those affected by pain. Volunteers participate in councils which are an integral part of MassPI's mission and the achievement of their goals.

MassPI works to share accurate pain management information; educate healthcare providers about state of the art pain management; raise community awareness about pain; and work with state government officials to improve policies related to pain care to change laws to improve access to effective pain management. More information can be found at MassPainInitiative.org.

About [HopeHealth](#)

HopeHealth, formerly known as Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than thirty years. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family of services includes: Hope Hospice; Hope Palliative Care; Hope HouseCalls; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services; Hope Care for Kids; Hope Community Care; and education and training for professionals, caregivers and the community. Learn more by calling (508) 957-0200 or visiting HopeHealthCo.org.

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