

HOSPICE CARE AND INITIATIVES IN CONNECTICUT FACT SHEET

CURRENTLY:

31 State licensed & Medicare Certified Hospices Covering Every Town in CT
26 out of the 31 are members of the Association



3 State licensed & Medicare Certified Inpatient Facilities/Units



- VITAS Healthcare at St Mary's Hospital (12 beds) in Waterbury, CT
- Regional Hospice of Western CT in Danbury (Built in 2015, standalone 12-bed facility)
- Also received Medicare Choices Award to work with advanced serious illness patients still receiving treatment
- CT Hospice (54 beds in Branford CT)

STATE INITIATIVES*:

- New 2017 MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) statewide program to promote conversations and advanced care planning for end-of-life choices and care
- Many hospice providers advancing their Hospice Veterans programs
- Statewide Palliative Care Advisory Council (PCAC) produced annual report to Department of Public Health
- New hospital association Care Decisions CT Advisory Council started 2/2016 using PCAC recommendations as foundation: www.caredecisionsct.org
- CT Association for Healthcare at Home:



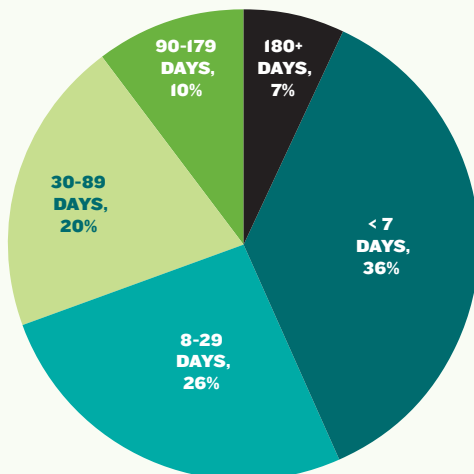
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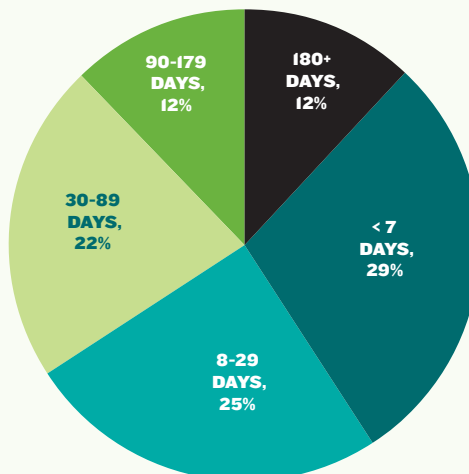
* In collaboration with state agencies, legislators and providers across the care continuum.

CHALLENGES:

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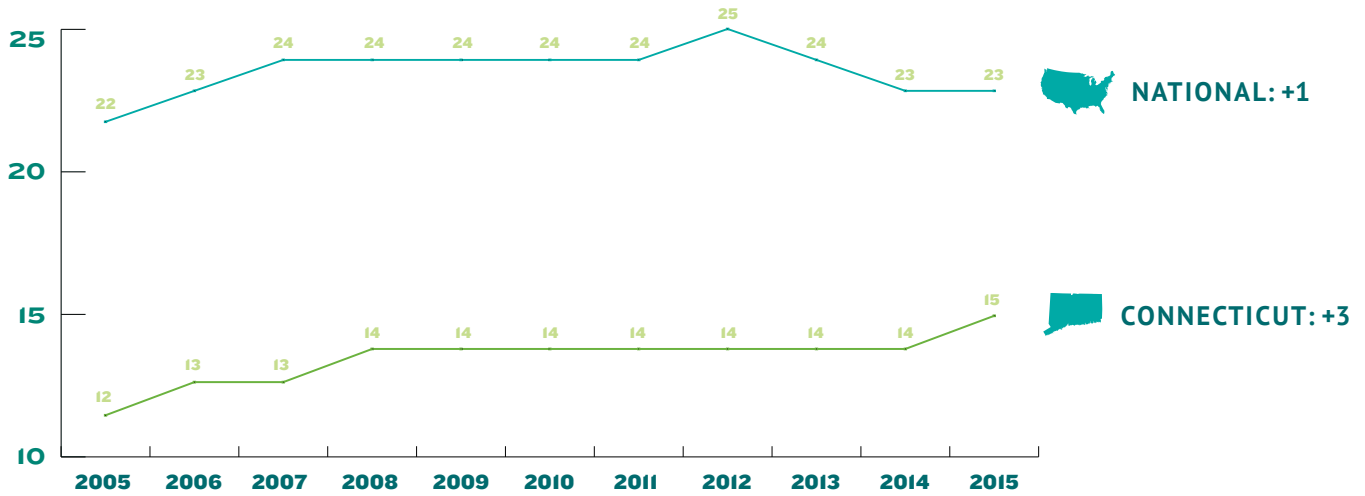


2015 MEDICARE HOSPICE PERCENTAGE OF DAYS (LENGTH OF STAY)

- CT ranks **LAST** in country with highest short length of stay (36% CT days 0-7 vs 29% nation days 0-7)
- Data supports that CT seeks aggressive treatments despite studies that show quality of life improves under hospice care which treats the patient and the family holistically, not just the disease.



2005-2015 HOSPICE MEDIAN DAYS OF CARE: 11 YEAR TRENDS



2015 MEDICARE HOSPICE MEDIAN DAYS OF CARE / BENEFICIARY

