

Healing Touch Healthcare Facility Profile

Hospice & Palliative Care of Northern Colorado, Inc.

2726 W. 11th Street Road, Greeley, CO 80634

Since 1978, families in northern Colorado have turned to Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado at a time when having the support and expertise of hospice staff is profoundly important. We provide care in patient's homes, in long-term care facilities and at our In-Patient Care Center, located on the fourth floor of North Colorado Medical Center. As a comprehensive program, hospice care considers the unique physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each individual. Working closely with patients, families, medical professionals and caregivers, our expert and caring staff focuses on helping people who are terminally ill live in comfort and with dignity.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado, Inc. is a non-profit, community based hospice, serving rural and urban communities of Colorado's Weld, Morgan and Larimer Counties. Each community's needs are met without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, handicap (mental or physical), national origin, diagnosis or ability to pay.

HPCNC has played an important role in our communities for 30 years. Year after year our customer service remains the hallmark of our organization. When people hear hospice, our organization comes to mind. We provide our patients with high quality end of life care, aimed at reaching each patient's goals. We educate both patients and families regarding end of life issues, helping them to make better decisions and make the most of the lives they have left.

Type of Facility: Hospice

How Healing Touch is currently being used in your facility:

A group of hospice volunteers provide complimentary Healing Touch therapy (which we call Comfort Touch) to our patients at no extra charge to them. Our volunteers typically provide two one-hour sessions a week, or more, as needed.

Contact for HT Services: Lil Baumgartner, Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 970-352-8487 Email: lbaumgartner@hpcnc.org

Can Patients Request HealingTouch: Yes Requests are initiated by the patient's care team, or patient or patient's family. They are sent to the Volunteer Coordinator, who assigns the HT therapist. The patient's physician must sign the order.

Physician Referral: Yes

Physician Order Required: Yes

Billing for HT: No Our services are provided by fully trained and certified volunteers.

Minimum Healing Touch Skill Level: Level 3

Healing Touch Policy and Procedure in Place: Yes



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When was HT Implemented and How? In 2000, our agency began offering Healing Touch, which we call Comfort Touch in our non-profit hospice. This effort began when a group of our volunteers became interested in the practice, and became certified providers. We began offering Comfort Touch as a complimentary therapy to patients, and have provided hundreds of hours of Comfort Touch to hospice patients since that time.

Is There Marketing for HT Services: Yes Brochures explaining all our complimentary therapies are available. In addition, information is available on our website.

Other CAM Therapies Available: Massage, Aromatherapy, Animal Assisted Therapy, Reiki

Other information you would like to include about your facility: Many of our patients have received Comfort Touch therapy, and provided encouraging feedback regarding their symptom management and overall report of well being.

