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Family Hospice and Palliative Care Ranked #1 Hospice Provider in Pennsylvania

An independent review of hospice providers in Western Pennsylvania and across the Commonwealth ranks Pittsburgh-based Family Hospice and Palliative Care as the leading hospice provider in Pennsylvania, based on Medicare hospice claims data statewide.

The report, called Hospice Market Atlas, was compiled and published by the Summit Business Group. It shows that 2,323 patients received care from Family Hospice in calendar year 2010, the most recent for which data is available. This number reflects the fact that Family Hospice cared for more Medicare hospice patients than any other hospice provider in Pennsylvania.

"We know that patients, families and health care providers have a choice – and more of them are choosing Family Hospice than any other provider," said Rafael Sciallo, President and CEO of Family Hospice. "We are grateful that a growing number of families and professionals have recognized our CompassionateCare philosophy and treatment provided by our staff across all disciplines, each and every day."

The data also shows that Family Hospice provided care for more Medicare hospice patients in Allegheny and Mercer counties than any other provider in 2010. When palliative home care services are factored in, along with patients covered by Medicaid, private insurance, and those who qualified under federal poverty guidelines to receive uncompensated care, Family Hospice admitted a total of 3,462 patients in 2010 and 3,572 in 2011. Patients are cared for at home, in skilled nursing facilities, long-term care settings, hospitals and Family Hospice's inpatient units in Mt. Lebanon and Lawrenceville.