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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Home Nursing Agency announces growth of hospice program, rebranding as Family Hospice and Palliative Care**

January 10, 2017 – Home Nursing Agency is pleased to announce the growth of its hospice program and rebranding as Family Hospice and Palliative Care, Part of UPMC HNA.

Last March, Family Hospice and Palliative Care, headquartered in Mount Lebanon, PA, was integrated into UPMC as part of Home Nursing Agency, expanding the combined service area for hospice care from 11 to 20 counties in Western and Central Pennsylvania. The combined program serves 4,000 patients annually and is the largest not-for-profit hospice provider in the Commonwealth.

Family Hospice and Palliative Care became one of Western Pennsylvania's first hospice providers in 1980 and has a rich history of serving patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families, focusing on optimal quality of life for patients.

"Home Nursing Agency is a trusted provider of home health and hospice services in our region," explains Phil Freeman, Home Nursing Agency president. "As our services have expanded through the decades, our focus and expertise on hospice and palliative care have grown stronger. Aligning our hospice brand with Family Hospice offers the distinct opportunity to feature our commitment to this unique and tremendously important mission, across all of the geographies that we serve."

As a program of Home Nursing Agency, Family Hospice will continue to serve patients with the same trusted level of care that has been offered in this region since 1983 when Home Nursing Agency became the first home health agency in Pennsylvania to also be Medicare-certified as a hospice provider. Hospice services will continue to be delivered by the same employees and volunteers as part of the larger HNA continuum of care with no interruption of services. Home Nursing Agency's home health, behavioral health and other supportive programs continue to be offered under the Home Nursing Agency name.

"As a 30-year employee of Home Nursing Agency, I have seen the organization grow and evolve firsthand," shares Kathy Baker, vice president of Family Hospice. "We look forward to continuing to provide compassionate care and quality services to the residents of our region. With access to the extensive resources of the UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute, we are also able to better serve our patients and families as they cope with chronic, life-limiting illnesses."

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**About Home Nursing Agency:**

Serving more than 21,500 individuals of all ages throughout Central Pennsylvania last year, Home Nursing Agency is the region's premier not-for-profit provider of home healthcare, hospice and community-based services. Founded in 1968, Home Nursing Agency employs nearly 1,000 healthcare professionals who care for families with the highest quality of customer service. Home Nursing Agency's ability to serve Central PA patients, clients and families was strengthened with the integration as part of UPMC Community Provider Services in 2013. Call Home Nursing Agency at 1-800-445-6262 or visit [www.homenursingagency.com](http://www.homenursingagency.com) for more information. Home Nursing Agency is a United Way partner agency in Bedford County, Blair County, Huntingdon County and the Laurel Highlands.

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