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### **Old Colony Hospice awarded CHAP Accreditation**

Randolph, MA—Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc., (CHAP) announced today that Old Colony Hospice has been awarded CHAP accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year CHAP accreditation has been awarded to this organization. CHAP accreditation documents that Old Colony Hospice meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. Through CHAP accreditation, Old Colony Hospice is also certified as a Medicare provider.

"We are very pleased that Old Colony Hospice chose CHAP accreditation," said Terry A. Duncombe, CHAP President and CEO. "Voluntarily selecting to achieve CHAP accreditation and meeting our high standards of excellence demonstrates Old Colony Hospice's commitment to quality. CHAP is delighted to work with their entire team through the ongoing process of quality improvement."

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care. CHAP is the oldest national, community-based accrediting body with more than 5,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through "deeming authority" granted by centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP's purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

For more information about the CHAP accreditation process, please visit the CHAP website at [www.chapinc.org](http://www.chapinc.org).

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Old Colony Hospice is a CHAP accredited, non-profit hospice caring for 110 patients each day in 43 communities in Plymouth, Bristol & Norfolk Counties since 1979.

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