

Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act



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The Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act describes perinatal hospice as “comprehensive support to the pregnant woman and her family that includes support from the time of diagnosis, through the time of birth and the death of the infant, and through the postpartum period. Supportive care may include, but is not limited to, counseling and medical care by maternal-fetal medical specialists, obstetricians, neonatologists, anesthesia specialists, clergy, social workers, and specialty nurses focused on alleviating fear and ensuring that the woman and her family experience the life and death of their child in a comfortable and supportive environment.”

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The Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act

“Perinatal hospice is an innovative and compassionate model of support for the pregnant woman who finds out that her baby has a life-limiting condition and who chooses to continue her pregnancy.”

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Perinatal hospice services may include:

- Support throughout the pregnancy, delivery, and post-partum period
- Guidance regarding medical decisions
- Assistance with making memories, pictures, or keepsakes
- Personalized birth plan
- Pain relief for baby if necessary
- Memorial or Funeral Service guidance
- Coordinating discharge from hospital to home or Hospice program

This information is shared as required by Nebraska Revised Statute 71-5001, The Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act. The Department does not endorse any specific perinatal hospice program.

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Self-Reported Perinatal Hospice Program			
Hospital / Hospice Program	County	Hours	General Program Overview (information provided by the program)
Butterfly Memories Bryan Medical Center 1600 S. 48 th Street Lincoln, NE 68506 402-489-0200 https://www.bryanhealth.com/	Lancaster	24 hour contact availability	Butterfly Memories is a Perinatal Hospice Program that serves the pregnant mother and their families in their difficult journey. Support from the team includes, but is not limited to, the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Physician, Obstetrician, Pediatrician, Neonatology, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Social Work, Pastoral Care, Nursing, and support staff. The main goal of the program is to create a comfortable, supportive, and informational environment for the woman and her support system during their prenatal, antepartum, and postpartum periods. This program that strives to meet the needs of these individuals during this period of their lives with full respect for their personal values, beliefs, and traditions.
EMBRACE (Every Moment Brief Remembered Always Cherished Eternally) Perinatal Palliative Care & Hospice CHI Health - St Elizabeth 555 South 70th Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68510 402-219-7065 www.chihealthstelizabeth.com	Lancaster	24 hour contact availability	The EMBRACE program is a support system for families who are facing the knowledge that their unborn baby has a life-limiting diagnosis. The EMBRACE team consists of maternal fetal medicine specialists, family physicians, nurses, social workers & pastoral care ministers who strive to address the physical, spiritual & emotional needs of the family when they receive this life-changing information. EMBRACE recognizes that every moment a family spends with their baby is precious, striving to create a sacred & safe environment where a family can give birth & honor the life of their child even though the time may be brief. EMBRACE assists in creating a birth plan, providing resource materials, discussing desired medical interventions, spiritual support, baby photographs & keepsakes, ongoing follow-up and support for family and friends.
HoriSun Hospice 2200 South 40th Street, Ste. 101 Lincoln, NE 68506 402-484-6444 www.horisunhospice.com	Lancaster	24 hour contact availability	HoriSun's purpose is to ensure the delivery of quality, safe, and cost-effective hospice services to patients and their families. HoriSun Hospice provides help, hope, and comfort to those facing a life-limiting illness. Qualified interdisciplinary team of health care professionals and trained volunteers have ensured that each individual receives the unique quality of care that they deserve.
No Footprint Too Small Birth & Bereavement Services 4740 A Street, Suite 200 Lincoln, Nebraska 68510 (402)480-6782 <i>Office</i> (712)574-0478 <i>Doula Support</i>	Lancaster	24 hour/7 days a week as needed	No Footprint Too Small is a 501c3 nonprofit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska, serving all of Nebraska. Our mission is to provide comprehensive perinatal support to mothers, fathers, and families who are affected by pregnancy or infant loss. Some of the programs we offer include emotional and physical support during pregnancy and labor involving a loss through doula support, care packages and weighted memory bears, referrals to local community resources like grief counselors and resources for surviving siblings, grief support groups and retreats, funeral arrangement guidance and financial assistance, breast pump rental, custom swaddles to provide even the smallest babies with clothing and dignity, and translation services for Spanish-speaking families.
Methodist Women's Hospital 707 N 190th Plaza Omaha, NE 68022 402-815-4000 https://www.bestcare.org/womens-hospital/	Douglas	24 hour contact availability	Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialists, Neonatologists, Obstetricians, Anesthesia, Clergy, Social Workers and specialty nurses are available on site or on call 24/7. We offer comprehensive support to the pregnant woman and her family from the time of diagnosis through pregnancy, delivery, and in the postpartum period. Whether the baby dies in utero, immediately post-delivery or is needing palliative care, our physicians, nurses and support staff are trained to respond with sensitivity, compassion and with evidence-based best practices.
The Nebraska Medical Center 987400 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-7400 402-559-4000 www.nebraskamed.com	Douglas	24 hour contact availability	Perinatal hospice care at Nebraska Medicine includes the ability to access services for the care of the mother and newborn. Pre-delivery counseling to allow for parents to make informed decisions regarding options for care is available. Multidisciplinary plan is developed along with the parents before the infant is delivered. Plan is subject to changes depending on the parents' wishes and infant condition after delivery. Support services are offered and provided for parents and infant. Community resources are available and offered for parents for support after discharge

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Journey to Love 3300 N. 60th St. Omaha, NE 68104 402.551.9003 x1306 http://family.archomaha.org/expecting-life/pregnancy/	Douglas	Office Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Initial contact during business hours.	Journey to Love serves families facing the loss of a pregnancy or infant. After the initial contact, families are matched with a peer minister that is available as needed. Peer ministers are trained professionals who journey with parents from diagnosis to a year after birth and beyond offering practical guidance and care. Services include assistance making medical decisions such as creating birth plans, providing birth support, and referrals to doctors. Peer ministers help families capture the precious moments they have with their child, and walk with families through the grieving process, funeral planning, and prayer. Journey to Love is a part of a larger network and can make referrals to doctors, counselors and community-based services.
CHI CUMC Medical Center Bergan Mercy Hospital 7500 Mercy Road, Omaha, NE 68132 402-398-6014 www.CHI.com	Douglas	24 hour contact availability	In keeping with the CHI mission, our program's goal is to achieve the best quality of life for babies and their families when the expected lifetime of the baby will be brief. Our team is comprised of a neonatologist, neonatal nurse practitioner, social worker, pastoral care provider, ethicists, and bedside nurses. We work in conjunction with obstetricians and perinatologists to create a life plan for the family that is supportive and mindful of their personal, cultural, and religious needs and desires. We serve all of the CHI hospitals in the Omaha Metro area, including Mercy in Council Bluffs.
Healing Embrace Perinatal Hospice P.O. Box 540021 Omaha, NE 68154 952-797-6647 www.healingembrace.org	Douglas	24 hour contact availability	Perinatal hospice provides families who have received the devastating news of a life-limiting diagnosis hope in their darkest hour. Our comfort companions have been certified in the careful beauty that is required to support these families during the remainder of pregnancy, birth, and postpartum. They also provide the opportunity to make irreplaceable memories and mementos of this precious child including photography, footprints and handprints, capturing a lock of hair, dressing and bathing baby, and so much more. They seek to provide knowledge and resources and serve as a vessel to provide information and advocacy for the family regarding options during their time with their child. Providing a comforting shoulder and a validating, safe space to express your feelings HEALing Embrace would be honored to accompany you through your journey.

National Resources:

Perinatal Hospice & Palliative Care has a list of programs in the United States and Internationally. Programs can be viewed at Perinatal Hospice & Palliative Care at: <https://www.perinatalhospice.org/>