

Welcome, Governor Ricketts!

Nebraska Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory
Council

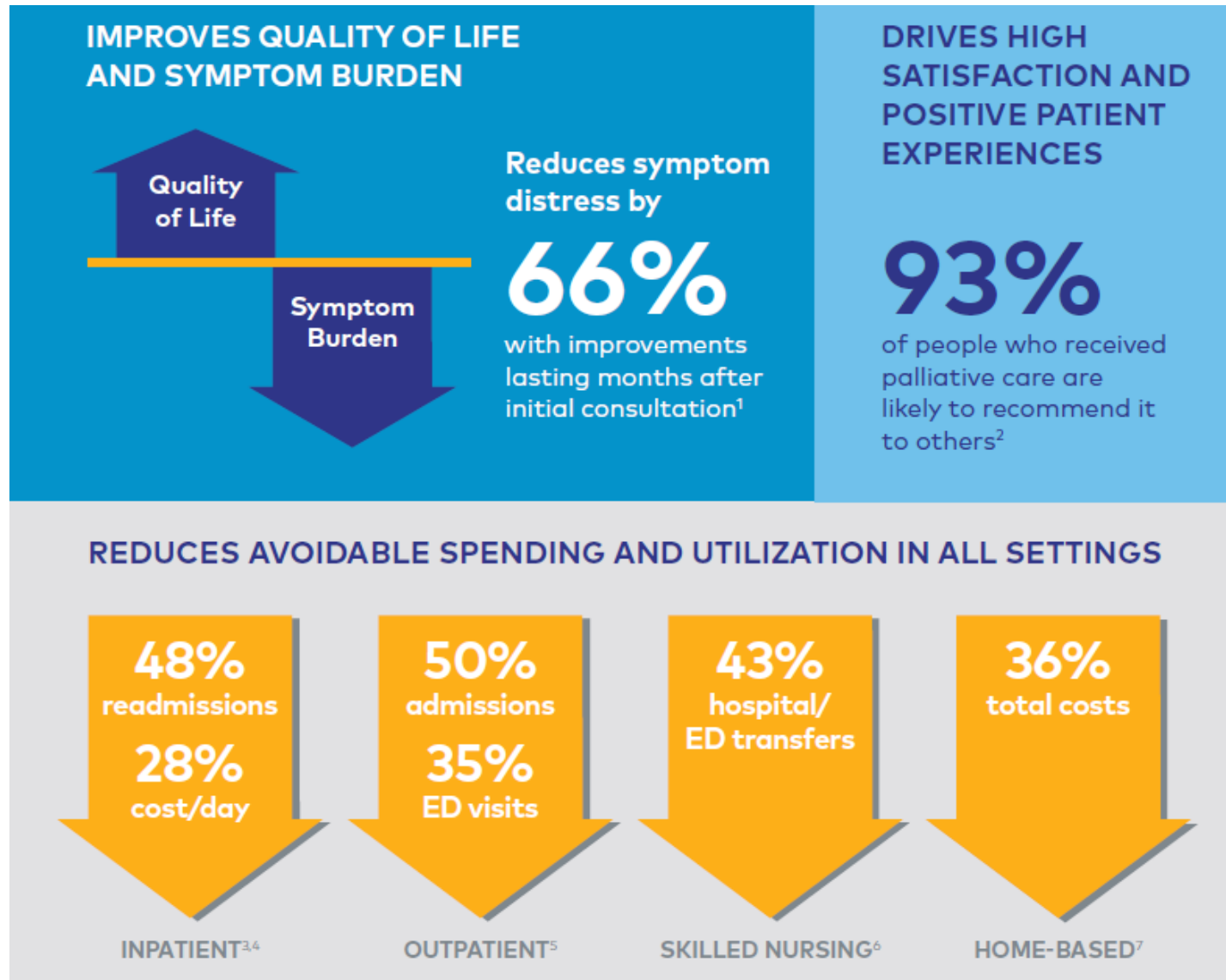
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Palliative Care

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.

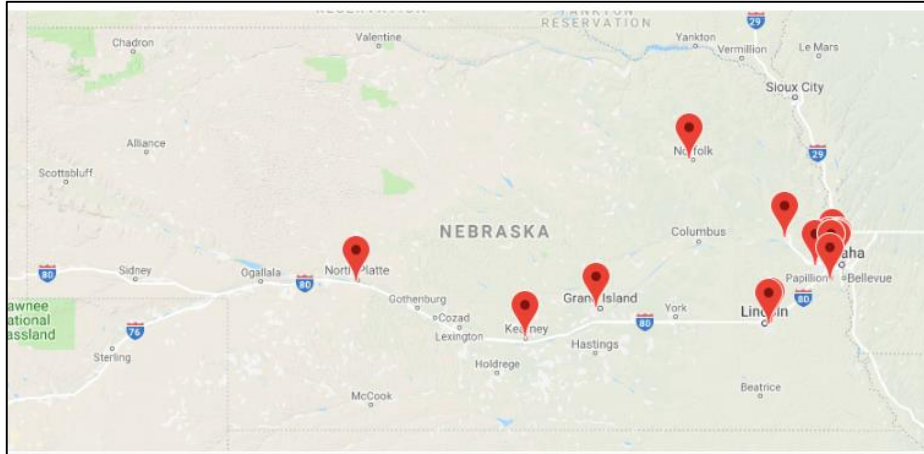
Palliative care is provided by a specially-trained team of doctors, nurses and other specialists who work together with a patient's other doctors to provide an extra layer of support. Palliative care is based on the needs of the patient, not on the patient's prognosis. This care is appropriate at any age and at any stage in a serious illness, and it can be provided along with curative treatment.

Palliative Care Ensures Value

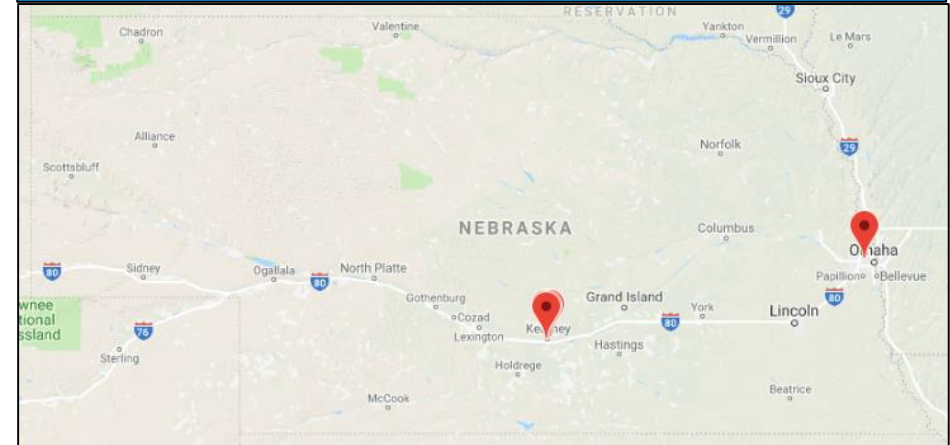


Palliative Care in Nebraska

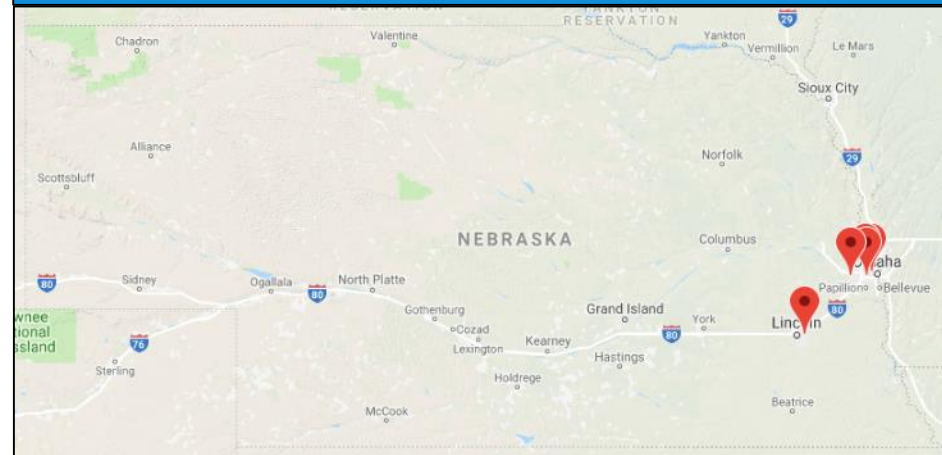
Hospital – 17 Sites



Nursing Home – 6 Sites



Office/Clinic – 6 Sites



Council Responsibilities

- Consult with the NE DHHS on matters relating to palliative care initiatives. The Council shall:
 - Survey palliative care providers regarding best practices and recommendations
 - Work with the department
 - Make recommendations to the department regarding information on the [web site](#) (“Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program”)

Early Priorities

- Increase public awareness of palliative care and how it can support **all** people living with serious illness
 - Opportunity: National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- Increase access to specialty palliative care in Nebraska
- Ensure all health care providers in Nebraska are trained in basic palliative care skills (e.g., communication, pain and symptom management)

Thank You for Your Support!