



Palliative Care in the Outpatient Setting: A Comparative Effectiveness Report

Summary of Public Comments Received on Initial Draft Report and ICER Response

The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) values the opportunity to receive and respond to public comment on its work products by interested stakeholders. There were three sets of stakeholder comments submitted in response to the initial draft CEPAC report on outpatient palliative care that was posted on February 9th, 2016. Below is a summary of the major comments received as well as responses from the ICER team and its research collaborators, including any major changes made to the report.

General Formatting

- Two sets of comments focused on formatting issues with the report, including incomplete references and inadvertently included template text. These have been corrected for the revised draft.

Clarification of Certification Requirements

- One set of comments clarified the requirements and process for hospice nurses to be certified by the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC), formerly known as the National Board for Certification of Hospice Nurses. This text has replaced the original text in the initial draft report.