

## **Charge to the SHCC 2025-2026 Hospice Home Care Methodology Workgroup**

The Chair of the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) has appointed a Hospice Home Care Methodology Workgroup with the following charge:

1. Review the current need determination methodology for hospice home care offices or agencies and assess its appropriateness for determining need in all areas of the state.
  - a. Review petitions for hospice home care offices or agencies submitted to the SHCC - during the past 10 years;
  - b. Gather input from stakeholders to understand the impact of the current methodology and to identify issues of concern; and
  - c. Review the factors of the need determination methodology calculations (e.g., annual deaths, hospice deaths, service area configurations) and consider whether changes are warranted.
2. Develop and submit recommendations for changes in the methodology, if determined to be needed, to the Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee of the SHCC for their deliberations in Spring 2026, for possible inclusion in the 2027 SMFP.