

Affiliation Fact Sheet

Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island (HHCRI) and Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Rhode Island (VNSGRI)

- The purpose of the affiliation, or partnership, between HHCRI and VNSGRI is to expand and strengthen the ability of both organizations to continue to provide care of the highest quality to the patients and families they serve.
- The affiliation between HHCRI and VNSGRI is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2011. At that time, a new name for the non-profit parent company will be announced.
- Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island is the state's largest provider of hospice care. With a commitment to caring for people living with serious illness, HHCRI provides care in all settings from homes to assisted living facilities to nursing homes and in hospitals.
- The Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Rhode Island is a non-profit, community-based home health service provider with administrative offices located in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Their team of nurses, therapists, social workers, home care aides, office support personnel, and volunteers are committed to improving quality of life in the communities they serve.
- Under the affiliation, each organization will remain as it is currently configured. All services provided by both agencies will continue without interruption. A new, non-profit parent company will be created to ensure that the strategic focus of both organizations is aligned, and that service is seamless.
- Among the many benefits of this affiliation to the patients and their families of HHCRI and VNSGRI will be:
 - better coordination of care between home care and hospice and palliative care;
 - increased effectiveness at keeping patients out of the hospital and in their homes, the preferred place for comfort and care;
 - better care for patients with complex medical needs as they live with their acute, chronic and terminal illnesses; and
 - HHCRI and VNSGRI will also be able to collaborate in specific ways – for instance, we will now be able to provide palliative care in all settings (hospitals, nursing homes, private homes, etc.).
- The affiliation will put both organizations on an even stronger financial footing and will position the organizations for future growth. The CEO of the parent company will be Diana Franchitto, who presently serves as President & CEO of HHCRI. Executive Vice President will be Donna Gouveia, currently the President & CEO of the VNSGRI. Both CEO's will remain in their current positions at their respective organizations.
- A new board of directors will be named to serve at the parent organization level, consisting of representatives from both boards.
- There will be no layoffs as a result of the affiliation. In fact, we expect that over time, the affiliation will position the new organization to create additional jobs for Rhode Islanders.
- Current office locations and numbers will remain the same:
 - HHCRI: 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904 and 143 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879
 - VNSGRI: 6 Blackstone Valley Place, Suite 515, Lincoln, RI 02865

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