



Request for Continuation

HPCO Accreditation notifies health professionals, the public and funders that a hospice organization, institution or program complies with industry Standards and that it has been recognized by HPCO following a rigorous review of overall performance by industry peers. Accreditation also serves as an indicator that a hospice organization is committed to continuous learning and improvement.

If the hospice organization has been previously Accredited by HPCO and extenuating circumstances are preventing a timely renewal application for re-evaluation, the hospice organization may request a *Continuation*.

Continuation of Accreditation beyond the preceding Accreditation expiration date requires approval by the Accreditation Peer Review Panel and will be granted *only when events clearly beyond the control of the hospice organization* prevent the hospice organization from moving forward.

The deadline for a Request for Continuation is no later than 6 months prior to expiration of current Accreditation status.

Step 1: Identify length of Continuation required – up to a maximum of 12 months

Step 2: Receive approval of Board to request a Continuation

Step 3: Complete a formal letter of request on organization letterhead, signed by CEO and Board Chair

Step 4: Complete “[Request for Continuation](#)” form. This includes:

- a. Provide detailed rationale for the request
- b. Indicate length of Continuation requested
- c. Attach signed letter

HPCO will consider your request for a Continuation of Accredited status and will respond to your request within 30 days of receiving this request.

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