



## *We're Here for You*

Facing a life-limiting illness is never easy. Feelings of being overwhelmed, confused, or fearful should not be part of the experience, because we are here to help. We provide support and comfort for you or a loved one with a life-limiting illness.

Gentle, compassionate professionals comprise our team. These supportive individuals are dedicated to providing the best possible care, including comfort and pain relief.



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# Hospice, Simplified

## What is hospice?

Hospice involves comprehensive care to ensure the comfort and support of patients and their families when there is a life-limiting illness. Hospice care is delivered by a team of specialists with experience and expertise in end-of-life care.

## Why hospice?

The hospice philosophy is that there is a lot of living to accomplish during all phases of life. With expert symptom management through hospice, patients can find dignity, meaning, and peace during their last months, weeks or even days of life.

## Where is hospice delivered?

Hospice care is provided wherever a person calls "home." This includes a private home, apartment, assisted-living facility or nursing home. Our staff will be happy to make arrangements if an inpatient hospice setting is desired.

## When is it time for hospice?

It is time for hospice when a person is ready to focus on living fully at the end of his or her life. Many patients are referred too late to benefit fully from all the services offered through hospice. Generally, it is time for hospice when a patient is expected to live six months or less.

# Our Care

- **Personalized Care Plans:**  
We work with you, your family, and your doctors to create a care plan tailored to your specific needs.
- **Pain & Symptom Management:**  
Expert care to manage discomfort and improve quality of life.
- **Family Support Services:**  
Assistance with healthcare decisions, legal resources, advanced care planning, and grief counseling.
- **Emotional & Psychological Support:**  
Helping patients and families cope with the emotional challenges of a serious illness.
- **Spiritual Care:**  
Chaplain services for spiritual support, regardless of religious background.
- **24/7 Access to Care:**  
Continuous support from our dedicated medical team, available anytime.
- **Respite Care:**  
Inpatient care for family caregivers to rest and recharge, while ensuring care for their loved one.

## Who is eligible for hospice?

There are no age or disease restrictions for hospice. Many people associate hospice with cancer. Actually, only half of hospice patients have cancer. Heart disease; end-stage lung, kidney or liver disease; Alzheimer's; ALS; or any disease in a life-limiting phase are eligible for hospice.

In addition, patients experiencing serious multi-symptom decline involving severe cases of poor nutrition, weight loss, inactivity and mental impairment (also referred to as "failure to thrive") are also eligible for hospice care.

Eligibility for hospice services must be certified by the patient's doctor as well as the hospice physician. We work closely with the patient's physician in developing the hospice care plan.

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## The Hospice Team

This compassionate team works with the patient and family to set goals and keep the patient as comfortable and symptom-free as possible. Team members will visit the home on a schedule convenient for both the patient and family. In addition, dedicated volunteers will be happy to visit with patients and give family members time for their other responsibilities. Support groups and counseling are also available to patients and their families during enrollment as well as during bereavement.

## Who pays for hospice care?

Medicare pays 100% of allowable charges for medications, durable medical equipment, medical supplies, respite care and inpatient care related to the hospice diagnosis. Most private insurance plans also offer hospice coverage.

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