

Hospice Care



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What is Hospice Care?

- Hospice is a care program that provides assistance to those individuals who have an incurable disease and have chosen not to pursue any further aggressive treatment.
- Hospice considers the patient and family/caregivers as one unit of care – provides support for all.
- Hospice care is provided wherever a patient calls “home.”



Why Hospice Care?

- Provides physical, emotional and spiritual support to individuals at end of life
- Helps patients remain in their home
- Offers pain and symptom management
- Helps individuals live the best that they can with what they have been given
- Focuses on quality of life more than quantity



Who is eligible for Hospice Care?

- An individual who has a life expectancy of six months or less if the terminal illness runs its normal course, as determined by a physician, and...
- ...is no longer seeking aggressive treatment



Levels of Hospice Care

- Routine Home Care
 - Regular visits made by Hospice team members; provided in the home setting
- Continuous Care (billed hourly)
 - For patient symptom management only – cannot be used for caregiver breakdown
 - 51% of the service must be RN/LPN level
 - Social work/counselor does not count towards the time



Hospice Team Members

- Core
 - Hospice Medical Director/Attending Physician
 - Hospice Nurse
 - Hospice Social Worker
 - Hospice Spiritual Counselor/Bereavement Counselor
- Support Service
 - Hospice Aide/Homemaker
 - Patient Care Volunteer
 - Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapist
(as appropriate)

