

The hospice team

Medical director

Oversees each patient's plan of care, advises the hospice team and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Registered nurse

Supports the patient through the process of end-of-life care by providing direct care, managing pain and other symptoms as they arise and providing support, comfort and education to families caring for their loved one

Hospice aide

Supports the patient and family by assisting with personal care, including bathing, dressing, toileting and incontinent care, light meals or housekeeping, spending time with patients and families, and communicating changes to their hospice nurse case manager

Medical social worker

Helps the patient and family cope with emotional, social, physical and financial stress, as well as provides counseling as needed

Spiritual care coordinator

Offers spiritual support to the patient if desired, and serves as a liaison between patient/family and local clergy of their choice

Volunteers

Specially trained community members who provide non-medical support and assistance to patients and their families including respite care, companionship and help with errands

Registered dietitian

Consults with the hospice team, the patient and the family concerning nutritional needs and challenges the patient may be facing

Bereavement coordinator

Arranges ongoing bereavement services, support and education for grieving family and friends



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What is hospice?

Hospice is a model of care for those nearing end of life, which focuses on the individual while supporting caregivers, family and friends.

Hospice is not about giving up hope. Hospice alleviates suffering, focuses on quality of life, and facilitates closure for patients and families. We provide comfort and support to those experiencing life-limiting illness wherever they call home – in their own home, skilled or assisted living facility, adult foster care, or even during a short-term hospital stay. Our focus is on quality of life by supporting personal choices and goals, controlling pain and discomfort, and helping to maintain dignity.

Is hospice right for me?

At any time during a life-limiting illness, it is appropriate to discuss all your care options, including hospice. Some signs that hospice care may be the right treatment include:

- Repeated trips to hospital/ER/physician
- Lack of response to treatment
- Pain, nausea, difficulty breathing, continued weight loss or other distressing symptoms
- Decreased activity or decline in mobility
- Decline in cognitive ability
- Pain that is poorly managed
- Loss of interest in activities
- Excessive sleeping throughout the day

Coverage of hospice care

Hospice benefits are covered 100% by Medicare and Medicaid. Most private insurances also offer a hospice benefit. Our staff will explain your coverage and benefits in full detail when we come to meet with you. No patient will be denied service due to a lack of financial resources.

Benefits of hospice

- Nursing care available 24 hours a day, seven days a week if needed
- Pain and symptom management
- Coordination of medication, medical equipment and supplies
- Support from trained volunteers
- Counseling and bereavement services to provide you and your family psychological, emotional and spiritual support
- Short-term respite care
- Short-term hospitalization if needed to help manage symptoms that cannot be controlled at home

For more information, call 866-323-5974.

