

# What is Hospice?



**With pain and symptom management, as well as education and support, patients and families are able to focus on what is truly important When Life Matters Most.**

Hospice is not a place, but a philosophy of care. It is a unique health care approach in which the patient and family are the focus, not the disease. Hospice care helps patients and their families make the most of the time that remains.

Hospice is a team of specially trained health care professionals caring for the patient and relieving anxiety for the caregiver/family. Our hospice support team helps patients and families with pain and symptom management, social, emotional, and grief issues. Hospice brings comfort and quality to the remaining months, weeks, and days.

## Who is Eligible for Hospice?

Hospice care is for people who have a life-limiting illness with a life expectancy of six months or less, and have chosen to focus on comfort care over treatment. Hospice works with the patient and family to develop a plan of care specific to their disease and individual needs.

## Where is Hospice Care Provided?

Because hospice is a plan of care, not a place, patients may receive hospice care wherever they call home: When medically necessary, our services are also available to hospitalized individuals.

## Who Provides Hospice Care?

Our hospice team is a group of highly skilled hospice professionals and community resources. Our team creates an individualized care plan based on the specific needs, wishes, and values of the patient and family.

## Who Pays for Hospice Care?

Hospice is covered under the Hospice Medicare Benefit, most Medicaid plans, and many private insurance plans. Most plans cover hospice care and the medications, medical supplies, and medical equipment related to the hospice prognosis.

**Questions? We are here 24/7/365.**

