

Hospice Care Benefits

One-hour response time to meet with families and patients about hospice service

You don't have to wait to talk with hospice. We will send a team member out to meet with you at your home and will respond within an hour. We can also help with placements from a hospital setting.

Doctors available to make home visits

Once hospice is in place the Hospice Physician is available to address the medical needs related to the hospice diagnosis and related condition.

Same-day RN admit

Once physician approval is obtained, an RN can admit the patient to hospice on the same day that you call. Medications, supplies and equipment are supplied per the patient's Plan of Care.

Inpatient benefit

If patients are in crisis, they will be treated in an appropriate setting to manage the crisis. This is comforting to families and caregivers because they know that their loved ones are receiving proper care. This benefit is covered 100%, which alleviates the financial burden.

Respite benefit

This benefit provides caregiver relief for a short period of time (24-hour care for one to five days) to relieve stress and creates no financial burden on the family because it is covered 100%.

Continuous care benefit

With this benefit for patients in crisis, a hospice staff member will be with the patient and family up to a 24-hour period until the crisis is managed to provide comfort and emotional support.

Bereavement program

Our bereavement program is provided for 13 months following the patient's death at no cost to offer emotional support to families as they deal with their loss. Support groups are offered monthly.

Patients on tube feeding can be admitted

Patients may have peg tube feeding and still be on hospice.

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) status not required for admittance to hospice

Since it is understood by the patient and family that the patient will be receiving palliative not curative care, a DNR order is not required, which provides emotional support for families.

Routine care benefit

This benefit includes visits from the RN, nurse's aide, social worker, Spiritual Care, physician and volunteer who provide the following services:

RN: Manages medications and medical conditions related to the hospice diagnosis

Hospice Aide: Assists with bathing and personal care assistance

Social Worker: Provides resources and support

Spiritual Care: Provides spiritual support

Physician: Oversees patient care plan

Volunteer: Provides companionship or other services identified in the patient's care plan

Durable medical equipment (DME) benefit

DME is provided per the patient's Plan of Care at No Cost to the patient.

Medical supplies

Clinical staff evaluates supplies to ensure that any fluctuations in the patient's needs are handled appropriately. This alleviates stress and discomfort for the patient and the family related to any unforeseen shortage of supplies.

All medication issues immediately directed to physician

The hospice physician oversees the care of the patient to manage pain and symptoms.

24/7 on-call RN with backup nursing and support staff

A hospice nurse and physician are on call 24/7 to give you and your family support and care when you need it.