

Hospice Southwest

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What is 'hospice'?

Hospice is comfort care at the end of life. Hospice care is provided to patients and their families when a doctor says that a patient most likely has six months or less to live. In addition, the patient has to be ineligible for or is no longer receiving curative or aggressive treatment. With hospice philosophy, the focus changes from curing an illness to managing symptoms, with a primary goal of comfort. Hospice is holistic care, addressing all aspects of a patient's needs: physical, spiritual, and emotional. It also provides support to family members during and after the dying process.



*Making the most
of every moment ~*

HOSPICE SERVICES

Our Hospice Team can include:

- Registered Nurse (1-3 times each week)
- Hospice Aides to help with bathing (2x each week)
- Medical Social Workers to provide emotional support and assist with accessing community resources, funeral planning, etc.
- Chaplain services if desired
- Specially trained volunteers

(Each member of our team is specially trained in end-of-life care)

Our Services include:

- Home medical equipment and medications that are related to your terminal condition and comfort
- Pain and symptom management
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Comprehensive bereavement program

What does hospice cost?

Medicare pays 100% for those who qualify. Medicaid and most private insurances cover hospice. *Hospice does not pay for room and board in a facility or for around-the-clock caregiving in the home.*

Where is hospice care provided?

Home hospice care takes place wherever a person lives – in a private home, an adult foster home, an assisted living community, or a nursing facility. *Our inpatient facility, the Ray Hickey Hospice House, is an option for patients with acute care or respite care needs.*

Can I still go to the hospital?

Yes, you maintain the right to go to the hospital. However, there is the possibility that your status in the hospice program may be affected. In most cases, a 911 transfer to a hospital is not part of a hospice plan-of-care unless it is unrelated to the patient's terminal diagnosis (e.g., a fractured hip, blood clot to the leg, etc.) If you think you need to go to the hospital, your caregiver needs to notify Hospice. Your hospice team will work with your caregiver to determine the next steps regarding your plan of care.