



What is Hospice?

Hospice is a lot of things, but hospice *isn't* all about dying, a place to go to die or always depressing.

Hospice *is* about the journey, a place of sharing, an opportunity to help those in need and a safe environment for patients and families – not to mention the industry leading, specialized care received by patients.

Hospice is a special way of caring for patients, caregivers and family members that is available to people living with a terminal illness. However, that does not mean that patients must be in the last few days of life to qualify for hospice care.

Medicare has established industry guidelines to help doctors and hospice staff determine if a patient qualifies for hospice.

We are happy to answer any question you may have.

About Nightingale

In today's complex world it is hard to determine what health care services are available – let alone when you qualify for one and not another and who pays for what.

- We don't believe patients and family members should have to make multiple phone calls to find out what services are available.
- We offer a truly different healthcare experience, offering most all healthcare services needed in one convenient location – your home.
- We are happy to assist you in determining what services you may need - offering services including Private Duty, Home Health and Hospice.
- By combining sincere compassion along with the latest technology, we are able to make a difference by delivering healthcare that honors the dignity and respect that you and your loved one deserve.
- Nightingale is rated among the top 500 healthcare providers in the nation. We stand firm behind our commitment that "All Patients Come First."

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for more information.

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE OF HOSPICE





How Do Patients Benefit From Hospice Care?

Hospice care is built on the combination of knowledge and skill of an interdisciplinary team of professionals including:

- Your Physician
- Local Medical Director
- RN Case Managers
- Nursing Staff
- Home Health Aides
- Social Workers
- Chaplains
- Volunteers

Hospice care can be given regardless of where you live - in a home setting, long-term care center, assisted living and independent living community or hospital.

A few benefits to hospice care include:

- Financial assistance with medications associated with your illness
- The freedom and comfort to remain at home with medical supervision and assistance
- Counseling, education and bereavement for caregivers, family and friends
- Hospice RN on call 24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Hospice also provides:

- Medications associated with your illness
- Equipment such as hospital bed, wheelchair and walker
- Medical supplies needed that are related to your illness - (Determined by Nightingale Hospice)
- Specialized education and support for you, your family members, caregivers and friends

Will I be charged for hospice care?

Approximately 84% of all hospice patients receive benefits through Medicare Part A.

- Hospice benefits are covered at 100% for patients with Medicare Part A.
- Many private insurance companies provide a hospice benefit, however, coverage differs from plan to plan. It is important to understand your insurance plan's hospice benefit prior to electing service.
- Nightingale Hospice staff is happy to assist with the insurance verification process.

Call today to find out how we can HELP make a difference.

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Frequently Asked Questions

When should a decision about entering a hospice program be made and who should make it?

At any time during a life-limiting illness, it's appropriate to discuss all of your care options, including hospice. By law the decision belongs to you.

You and your family should feel free to discuss hospice care at any time with your physician, other health care professionals, clergy members and friends.

Can a hospice patient who shows signs of recovery be returned to regular medical treatment?

Yes. If your condition improves, you can be discharged from hospice and return to aggressive therapy or simply choose to go on about your daily life.

If your medical condition later warrants a need to return to hospice care, you are free to do so.

What is hospice's success rate in battling pain?

Very high. Using some combination of medications, counseling and therapies, most patients can attain a level of comfort.

