

A photograph of two elderly people walking away from the camera on a gravel path in a wooded area. The person on the left is wearing a dark jacket and a dark hat, and the person on the right is wearing a dark jacket, a light-colored hat, and is using a walking stick. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting autumn or winter. The entire image is framed by a white, hand-drawn style border.

END OF LIFE CARE

Palliative Care and more.....

OBJECTIVES

Intro to Palliative Care VS. Hospice Care

Hospice Team/Additional Services

Hospice Program Goals

Brief Insurance Overview

Diagnoses

Levels of care

Where Services Occur

Palliative Care VS. Hospice Care

- Palliative Care
 - Serious Illness
 - Stress and Symptoms - Provides Relief
 - Along Side of Curative Care
- Hospice Care
 - Comfort Care
 - No Curative intent
- Both - Goal is Symptom Relief - Both Compassionate



Hospice Team

- Physician Directed Team – Medical Director
- Nurse and Nurses Aid
- Social Worker
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapist
- Dietician
- Chaplin/Breavement
- Volunteers

Hospice Program Goals

Emphasize Living

Promote Quality of Life

Encourage Honesty and Hope

Rapid Resolution of Symptoms

Preparation of Family for Death

Continued Support of Family After Death

Insurance Overview/Criteria

Insurances Taken

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
- VA



Hospice Criteria

Determination of Terminal Diagnosis

Primary Caregiver Available

Patient/Family Choose Hospice Philosophy

Physician Certifies Terminal Diagnosis

Hospice is Responsible for Coordinating all the Care

Hospice Bears Financial Responsibility

Benefits of Medicare Hospice

Team Approach

Cost Covered by Medicare
100%

Medications, Supplies,
and Equipment
related to Terminal Disease
100%

Respite Benefit

Acute Care in Facility Setting
for Uncontrolled Symptoms,
Collapse of Support
System, or Imminent Death

Ongoing
Support for Bereaved Family

Levels of Care

- Routine Home Care
- General Inpatient Care
- Respite Care for Caregiver Stress
- Continuous Care



Where Services Occur

Any Place a Patient is Living

- In the Home of a Relative
- SNF
- Assisted Living
- Hospice Home
- Shelter for Homeless
- In the Penal System for Incarcerated Individuals





Common Hospice Diagnosis

- Cancer
- End-Stage Heart, Lung, Renal, or Liver Disease
- Stroke/Coma
- HIV
- Parkinsons, Alzheimers



Questions