

Family-Centered Care From a Family-Owned Provider

Hospice care focuses on the needs of individuals faced with a serious illness and their families, rather than focusing on the illness. Hospice seeks to offer comfort, a better quality of life, and support for the entire family. Pallatus Health employs a diverse team of professionals, including a clinical supervisor, with over 100 years of combined hospice expertise, to provide skilled medical care, pain and symptom management, and emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families. Although hospice care is most commonly provided at home, we also offer services to patients in an assisted-living facility or nursing home.



When to Begin Hospice Care:

The time for hospice is when curative measures are no longer effective or desired by the patient. Scientific research shows that it is preferable to seek hospice care sooner rather than later. Many patients are referred too late to benefit fully from all the services offered through hospice. "We provide you with **outstanding**, holistic, quality care in a warm and professional environment that is easily accessible to you 24/7."

Attending Physician

Certifies the patient has a terminal illness and remains the patient's primary physician and works as a member of the hospice team.

Medical Director

Certifies the attending physician's prognosis and leads the hospice team in developing a plan of care. Also provides consultation to the attending physician.

Skilled Nurses RNs & LVNs

Evaluates the patient's condition during regular scheduled visits. The Registered Nurse coordinates the plan of care and teaches the family proper patient care techniques and the use of medication and pain management.

Social Worker

Assesses social needs of the patient and family and provides psychological and Bereavement counseling.

Chaplain

Provides spiritual support. Work as a liaison with clergy of the patient's choice.

Home Health Aides

Provides help with bathing, grooming, cleaning laundry and helping the patient with their activities of daily living.

Serving:

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TRANSITIONAL REMOTE CARE



Hospice Care



Who We Help?

Hospice is open to anyone of any age with a serious illness, with a prognosis of 6 months or less should the disease follow its natural course. Some of these illnesses include:

- Cancer
- End-Stage Cardiovascular Disease
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Stroke
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- ALS
- Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- End-Stage Renal Disease
- Liver Disease
- End-Stage Alzheimer's Disease
- End- Stage Dementia

Persons who are experiencing serious multi-symptom decline (often known as "failure to thrive"), repeated emergency room visits and/or hospitalizations, or discontinuing aggressive treatment may also be eligible for hospice care. It is not necessary to be homebound to receive hospice care. Eligibility for hospice care must be certified by a doctor. Persons may cease hospice care at any time. If their condition improves, they can be discharged from hospice care and return to regular medical treatment, with the option to return to hospice whenever they choose. Quality Healthcare Hospice focuses on alleviating the pain and symptoms associated with serious illnesses through a combination of highly effective medications, therapies, meditation and counseling.

We work as a team with each patient's physician to create a personalized care plan. Besides the patient's physician, the hospice team includes physicians, a medical director, nurses, certified nursing staff, physical, speech and occupational therapists, social workers, spiritual advisors, home health aids and volunteers. A nurse is on call 24/7 to answer questions and offer support. Our services include:

- Pain Management through medication and alternative medicine approach
- Management of symptoms related to the illness, such as nausea, anxiety, fatigue or shortness of breath
- Dietary counseling
- Patient placement into a SNF or ALF
- Medications related to the hospice diagnosis
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Repositioning and transfers
- Assistance with daily household tasks: laundry, light housekeeping, light meal preparation
- Personal care: bathing, grooming, toileting and dressing
- Caregiver education
- Volunteer Services
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Assistance with end-of-life decisions such as advance directives, do not resuscitate orders or funeral planning
- Bereavement counseling
- Respite Care
- DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders and funeral planning

Who Pays for hospice

Medicare part A covers 100% of allowable charges of hospice care. This includes medications, durable medical equipment, supplies, respite care and inpatient care related to the hospice diagnosis. Most private insurance or managed care plans also offer hospice coverage, usually with no out-of-pocket costs, deductibles, or copays. The time to discuss hospice is before it is needed. Anyone can refer a patient to hospice. If you have questions about hospice care or need help with a referral, call us **(818) 619-3373**. We will guide you through the process.

