

# Hospice 101

## What is hospice?

Hospice provides comfort care to individuals with a life-limiting illness. Hospice care applies a team approach, treating the patient's medical needs, managing symptoms, and offering spiritual and emotional support. Hospice also offers support to a patient's loved ones, including bereavement care for 13 months following the death of the patient.

## What determines eligibility?

A patient is eligible for hospice care if a physician certifies that he/she has six months or less to live, if the disease runs its normal course. The patient must also forego curative treatments.

## How do I pay for care?

Hospice care is covered under the Medicare Hospice Benefit and is also covered by most private insurances.

## What services are available?

- Nursing visits
- Physician services
- Pain relief and symptom control
- Medication and medical equipment
- Personal care visits
- Social services support
- Spiritual counseling
- Volunteer companion services
- Grief support

## Who provides care?

- Physician
- RN Case Manager
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Social Worker
- Chaplain
- Volunteer
- Bereavement Counselor

## Where is the hospice?

Care is provided in the patient's residence, be it a private home, assisted living facility, or skilled nursing facility. For symptoms that cannot be managed at home, Casa de la Luz can provide care for patients in our Inpatient Unit.

## What are your hours?

Hospice services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Patients and/or caregivers can call us at (520) 544-9890 for assistance, and a team member will be sent to the home if necessary.

## How do I sign up for services?

Call Casa de la Luz Hospice at (520) 544-9890 and ask to speak with our admission department. They will set up a time for a registered nurse to visit your home and determine if you are eligible for hospice care. You can also contact your primary care physician, and request a referral for hospice care.

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