

AVAILABLE HOSPICE SERVICES

HOME VISITS BY PROFESSIONALS, AIDES, AND VOLUNTEERS:

- Registered Nurse is on-call 24 hours/day to answer any questions and visit as needed
- Hospice Aide or Homemaker care based upon the patient and family needs, to assist the family with the patient's personal care needs
- Hospice Physician available for home visits as necessary
- Social Work counseling as needed
- Registered Dietitian visits as needed/requested
- Pastoral Care or Clergy visits as needed/requested
- Volunteer visits as needed/requested for companionship/errands, etc.
- Lab tests and X-Rays provided as condition warrants
- Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy based on an assessment by the nurse/physician

MEDICATION COVERAGE IN COMPLIANCE WITH MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT:

- All medications related to the terminal prognosis will be filled on a limited supply.
- The hospice nurse will review all the patient's medications to determine those not covered by Hospice.
- For medications not covered by Hospice, the nurse will contact the patient's doctor to discuss if they are still a benefit. If the doctor feels they are, Hospice will contact the patient's Part D provider to get approval prior to the next refill at the patient's pharmacy.
- Hospice has been advised that the patient's Part D provider will approve the medication upon receipt of the information from Hospice.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)/SUPPLIES RELATED TO TERMINAL ILLNESS:

- Hospital Bed – semi-electric and air mattress
- Wheelchair/Walker/Cane/Commode
- **Oxygen: One small back up tank provided for emergency use only. Purchase of additional tanks can be arranged through our equipment company and billed to the patient.**
- Diapers/Foley Catheter/Dressing Supplies related to the terminal illness

**** TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NOTICE needed for removal of equipment.**

TRANSPORTATION:

Hospice will arrange transportation, which is covered under the Medicare hospice benefit.

INPATIENT/RESPITE CARE:

Inpatient care is available for short-term acute pain and symptom management, as well as short-term respite care. Hospitalization and respite must be provided at a facility that is contracted with HCWP. Your Hospice Nurse/Social Worker can help facilitate admission. HCWP must be notified prior to any admission. All hospitalizations must be approved by HCWP to assure that the admission meets regulatory admission requirements.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING:

Available for thirteen (13) months after patient's death