

## What you should know about hospice care:

- Hospice care provides symptom management, pain control, and comfort.
- Care is given where patients call home, be it a residence, nursing home, or board and care.
- Hospice care is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans.
- Medications, medical supplies, and equipment are covered under hospice care.
- Hospice care is not only for individuals diagnosed with cancer; patients suffering from wide range of illnesses may qualify for hospice care.
- Hospice care is directed not only towards the patients but the family and caregivers as well.
- When you sign up, you do not give up all medical care.
- Hospice care is an excellent program for those in need of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual comfort when facing a life limiting illness.
- Services may be revoked at any time according to patient's wishes.

## Symphony Hospice, Inc

Call us 24/7/365 at 818.478.8210

What makes up Symphony Hospice is a team of thoughtful and well-trained professionals dedicated to providing compassionate care to you and your loved ones.

We make it our mission to respond to all of your unique comfort needs, and we do so swiftly and effectively.

At Symphony Hospice, we believe in family; we believe in community. We want to make you part of our loving community, so that we can serve as an additional line of defense against whatever you may be battling.

Call us today with any questions or concerns!

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## What is Hospice Care?

Hospice care is a specialized type of care which focuses on the patients' and the caregivers' well being and comfort as opposed to treating or curing the illness the patient is suffering from. Hospice care provides compassionate care for people in the last stages of irreversible illnesses, so that they may live as fully and comfortably as possible.



The hospice philosophy accepts death as the final stage of life. While it affirms life, it does not try to hasten or postpone death. A qualified team of professionals work together to manage symptoms so that a person's last days may be spent with dignity and quality, surrounded by their loved ones. Hospice care is very empowering in that it gives the person and the family the autonomy to control the outcome of one's life.

## When Should Hospice Care Begin?

Generally, hospice care should start when a person facing an incurable illness has a life expectancy of six months or less. Sometimes the idea of hospice care is scary and passive since it bears the notion of "six months or less."



However, commencing hospice care does not start a six-month countdown. Moreover, hospice care can be discontinued for an active treatment if the patient and the family wish so.

Hospice care should at least be considered and asked about if the normal treatment of the illness has become ineffective or the patient and family do not wish to seek aggressive treatment.

## Like Part of Your Family!

Our team of experienced professionals, collaborating with your primary care physician, will craft a plan of care specific to your needs, lifestyle, beliefs, worldview, medical condition, and physical abilities. You can count on us for the following:

- Visits by a doctor as needed
- RN's and LVN's to assess and manage your care program, coordinate with your doctor, and provide care education to your family



- Certified Nursing Aids to assist with hygiene, dressing, and light housekeeping needs
- Social worker to provide counseling for you and your family
- Chaplains to provide spiritual guidance and counseling
- Trained volunteers for general assistance and companionship
- Medications, medical equipment and supplies, such as hospital beds and oxygen tanks delivered to your home
- 24/7 access to our full staff
- Continuous care around the clock as needed