



SYMPHONY HOSPICE
CARE. COMFORT. SERENITY.

Not an instrument but an orchestra of 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 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.

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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."



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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, for example, in case of metastasized cancer.

Like a 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:

- Doctor visits when needed
- RNs and LVNs 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