"You matter because of who you are. You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die."

-Dame Cicely Saunder, founder of the first modern Hospice



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We believe each of us has the right to die pain-free and with dignity, and that our families will have the support needed during this sacred time.

# What is Hospice Care?

- Hospice focuses on quality of life and the wishes of patients and their loved ones when a cure is no longer possible, or the burdens of treatment outweigh the benefits.
- Treats the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of patients and loved ones.
- We come to you...wherever you call home.
- Hospice enhances the quality of life that is left. No one is giving-up. Hospice affirms life. It neither hastens nor postpones death.
- The patient and their chosen contacts are at the center of all decision making.
- Hospice wraps itself around a patient and loved ones to provide support during a difficult and confusing time. Staff can explain what is going on, how to take care of the person, and what to expect.
- A nurse is available for consultation 24 hours a day, so no one is alone trying to figure out what to do.

#### **How Hospice Works:**

People are usually referred by their doctor, but a Hospice consult can really be made by anyone. If a doctor determines a patient has a life expectancy of six months or less, the patient and family can meet with the Hospice team and receive care focused on what the patient and loved ones need. Patients can stop Hospice care at any time for any reason.

#### Hospice care includes:

- Nursing support 24/7 to manage pain, trouble breathing, constipation, nausea and other symptoms
- Physician services
- Home health aide
- Homemaker services
- Emotional, spiritual and social support
- Dietary counseling, Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- Volunteer support
- Medical supplies & equipment
- Respite care for planned events or emergencies.
- Caregiver support and education
- Medication management
- Anticipatory grief & bereavement support following death

### Who Pays for Hospice?

Services are most often paid for by Medicare. It may also be paid for by Medicaid, VA, private insurance, and other managed care organizations. We can help you with financial assistance as everyone deserves care at end of life.

The thought that you or someone you love is dying can be devastating. It may seem that there is nothing more you can do, but in fact, much can be done, and Hospice can help.