



WHAT IS HOSPICE?

Hospice is *symptom management and comfort care* provided at the *end of life*.

LOCATION

Hospice care is provided where the patient resides, most often in the home.



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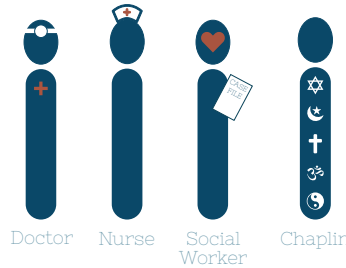
ELIGIBILITY

Doctor certifies patient has a terminal illness and a life expectancy of six months or less.



SUPPORT

When care is provided in the home, family and loved ones are the caregivers with the support of a hospice "Team". This team primarily consists of:



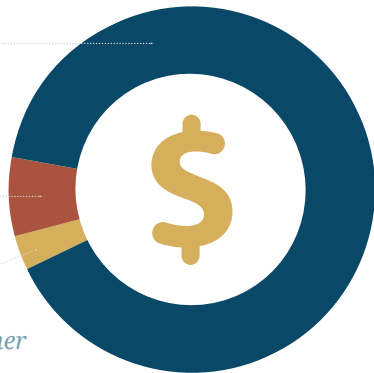
The team can also include: home health aides, therapists, bereavement counselors and hospice volunteers.

Generous donations from the community helps support community bereavement services, construction of inpatient hospice facilities and charitable care.

92%
Federal Government:
Medicare & Medicaid

5%
Private Pay Insurance

>3%
Charity Care / Other



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PAYING FOR HOSPICE

Hospice is provided irrespective of ability to pay. There is no deductible for hospice services. Medicare or Medicaid cover hospice care, including medical equipment, supplies, prescriptions, and services.

LEVELS OF CARE

There are four levels of care defined by federal law and paid by a daily per diem. The hospice or attending physician will determine what level of care is appropriate.

Routine Care Provided where patient resides. Family primary caregiver.	94.8%
Inpatient Care Care provided in a facility for a limited time.	3.4%
Continuous Care Skilled nursing services used in time of crisis.	1.5%
Respite Care Provided in facility to give caregivers rest	.3%

Percentage of usage by days in hospice
2016 Medicare Data for Florida