



## What Does Hospice Provide?

- Medications, medical equipment and supplies (related to terminal illness)
- Routine visits by a nurse and home health aide
- ♦ Physician-directed medical care
- ✦ Education for the patient and family
- Social work and counseling
- ♦ Spiritual and bereavement support
- ♦ Volunteers
- Dietary counseling
- Management of patient's pain and symptoms
- ♦ 24-hour on-call services
- ◆ Therapy Services: Occupational, Speech, Physical
- ♦ Music Therapy

# Who Pays for Hospice?

- ◆ The Medicare hospice benefit covers a wide variety of services related to the terminal illness for eligible patients.
- Many health insurance policies now provide hospice benefits. Companion can check with your insurance company regarding coverage.
- ◆ Companion Hospice is provided on the basis of need, not the ability to pay.

### Our Mission

To provide the quality care people deserve in the place they call home.



#### Our Agency

Companion Hospice is an Oklahoma owned and operated company. We are licensed by the State of Oklahoma and are certified by Medicare. Our services are provided in your home, a long-term care facility, or an assisted living facility.



#### Two Convenient Locations Serving Central Oklahoma:

including Oklahoma City, Edmond, Guthrie, Stillwater, Perry and surrounding communities

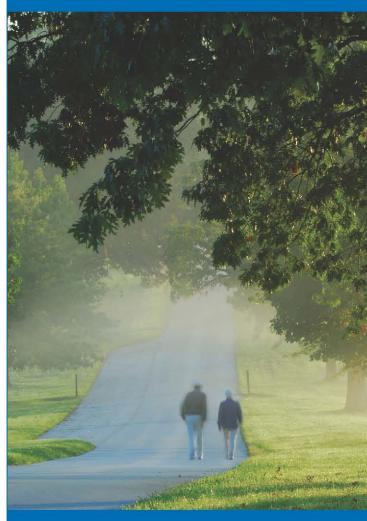
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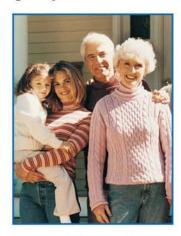


Sensitive and Compassionate End-of-Life Care



#### What is Hospice?

Companion Hospice is a special concept of care designed to provide comfort and support to patients facing a life-limiting illness and their families. **Hospice is not about giving up or losing hope; hospice is about quality of life.** 



For many, the lack of a clear understanding of what happens during the final stages of life can be uncomfortable and even overwhelming – talking with doctors, understanding how medications work, juggling family schedules and living with a variety of emotions can be quite stressful. Our staff will be there explaining the process; addressing physical, emotional and spiritual concerns while assisting patients and their families throughout this journey.



#### **Dedicated Professionals**

Companion Hospice is a team of dedicated health care professionals committed to providing a sensitive, compassionate approach to end-of-life issues and the treatment and management of pain and other symptoms.

# We can help determine when hospice is appropriate.

At any time during a life-limiting illness, it is appropriate to discuss all of the patient's care options, including hospice. When a person has a life-limiting illness and aggressive treatments and medication are no longer beneficial, hospice provides alternative comfort care.

Some of the more common lifelimiting illnesses that would require comfort care include:

- ♦ Advanced Metastatic Cancer
- ◆ Failure of Multiple Organ Systems
- ◆ Final stage of diseases including:
   Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
   Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary
   Disease (COPD)
   Cardiovascular Disease
   Renal Disease
   Alzheimer's Disease
   Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS)



#### Arranging for Hospice Care

The earlier that hospice becomes involved, the more it can do to help make the patient's final weeks and months as comfortable and satisfying as possible. Contact your physician or Companion Hospice if you, a family member, or a friend would like more information about hospice services.



