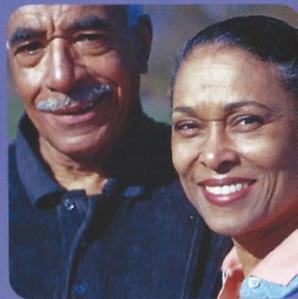


"Most people dream of living the fullest life possible, for as long as possible, right up until a peaceful end at home, where they are comfortable, alert, free of pain, and surrounded by people and things they love."

Author Unknown



the right choice

Early involvement of hospice care is beneficial to patients as well as their loved

ones. A relationship of trust can develop over several months, allowing time for all who are involved to more fully understand the patient and family's needs, resulting in greater comfort and quality of life.

Hospice services are widely available and covered by Medicare Part A. It is also covered by Medicaid in most states and many other private or managed-care insurances.

For more information, please contact us at:

Franklinton, NC
919-494-3773
800-377-5827

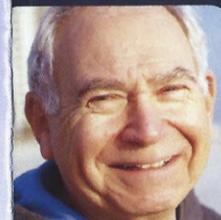
Receiving hospice care from our agency is not based upon one's ability to pay and no person is denied services based upon age, race, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. All calls and inquiries will be held in the strictest confidence.

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hospice services





At some point in life, we will all be faced with how to handle a life-limiting illness. The best time to discuss this situation and the services that are available is before an illness strikes.

What is hospice?

Hospice is a special form of care that is designed to provide comfort and support for those who are facing a life-limiting illness. It is a compassionate form of caring that promotes dignity and affirms quality of life for the patient, family members, and their loved-ones.

Who is eligible?

Any individual with a terminal illness such as heart disease, pulmonary disease, dementia, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDS, or cancer is considered eligible for hospice care.

How can I arrange for these services?

Anyone can make a referral for hospice. You should feel free to speak with your doctor, your minister, or a trusted friend when making this decision. You may also choose to contact us to learn more about our services and to arrange a meeting in your home to discuss the program. We are also available to meet with you and provide care in local hospitals or extended stay facilities such as nursing homes.

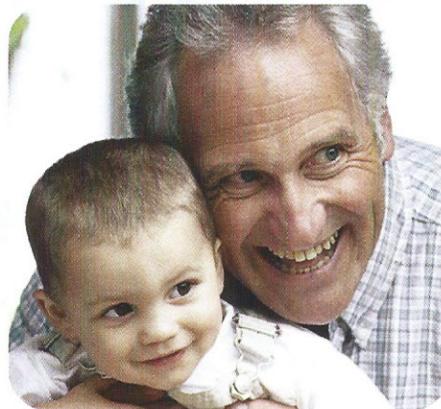
a comprehensive approach

Our specialized team of hospice professionals works with the patient, family members, and attending physician to develop a plan of care that will best meet the patient's individual needs.

The hospice team includes:

- The Patient and Family Members
- Attending Physician
- Hospice Physician
- Nurses
- Home Health Aides
- Social Workers
- Therapists
- Volunteers
- Counselors and Chaplains
- Bereavement Coordinators

Hospice staff is available 24 hours a day to provide personal assistance, specialized care, and support.



the services offered include:

All services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at no cost to the patient or family members when the hospice benefit is chosen.

- All medicines, medical equipment, and supplies related to the hospice diagnosis
- Medication management to control pain and symptoms
- Physician services to manage medications
- Nursing and home health aide visits to provide direct care
- Social work, counseling, and chaplain services to provide support
- Volunteer services to provide companionship
- Bereavement services for a minimum of 13 months following a loss