

Hospice Participation Guidelines for Providers



What is Hospice?

Hospice is a compassionate approach to end-of-life care. The goal of hospice is to help people with a life-limiting illness live life fully, maintain their dignity and keep personal control over their lives. Hospice provides end of life care, which includes emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families who are facing life-limiting illness in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. Hospice is available to anyone with an illness whose life expectancy is measured in months, rather than years.

Who pays for Hospice Care?

- › Medicare/Medicaid
- › Most commercial insurance plans and HMOs. Patient should check with their insurance carrier about any restrictions
- › Patients without adequate insurance or limited resources can apply for special financial assistance, which is supported by donations to Intermountain Health

Benefits Covered

- › Nursing services: symptom assessment and management
- › Social work: patient and family emotional support and end-of-life planning
- › Chaplain services: nondenominational spiritual support for patients and loved ones
- › Medications: all medications and supplies related to comfort and well-being
- › Home medical equipment: hospital bed, commode, wheelchair, walker, shower chair, etc.
- › Home Health aide (Certified Nursing Assistant)
- › Speech therapy, nutrition, PT, OT, and services determined by the plan of care
- › Bereavement support to loved ones for one year after death of the patient
- › Short-term inpatient respite care: up to 5 days to permit primary caregivers to take a break
- › Trained volunteers

Benefits not Covered

- › 24 hour-a-day caregiver
- › Curative treatment, including any prescription drugs related to curative treatment
- › Hospital/Emergency department care related to the terminal illness

What to Expect on Hospice?

- › Free in-home or virtual consultations for Hospice services
- › Coordinated team management
- › Treatment of the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the patient
- › Provides compassionate assistance to families and caregivers
- › 24/7 hospice nurse availability



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