



Hospice or Home Health?

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SERVICE FOR YOUR PATIENT

Hospice and home health both provide an important service for patients, but these two services are different in both philosophy of care and coverage of services under their benefit.

This guide will help you determine which services are right for your patients.

HOSPICE

HOME HEALTH CARE

Conditions, diagnosis and treatments

- Treatment focuses on providing & promoting comfort for distressing symptoms
- Life-limiting condition
- Declining in health status
- Encouraged to remain active

- Treatment focuses on cure
- Acute medical condition
- Must show improvement

Does the patient have to be homebound?

NO
Patients are free to visit or travel

YES
Must be homebound while receiving care

What services are covered by the benefit?*

	HOSPICE	HOME HEALTH CARE
Durable medical equipment	Covered 100%	Covered 80%
Oxygen	Covered	Covered 80%
Medications	Covered	Not Covered
Social Services and Planning	Patient and Family	Patient Only
Bereavement Counseling	Covered	Not Offered
Spiritual Counseling (Chaplain)	Covered	Not Offered
Personal Care Assistance and Service	Covered	Limited Access
Volunteer Services	Included with the Benefit	Not Offered

Where are services provided?

	HOSPICE	HOME HEALTH CARE
Private Residences & Home	Covered	Covered
Assisted Living Residences	Covered	Covered
Skilled Nursing Facilities	Covered	Not Covered

To find out more about how hospice can help your patients, contact us today

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*To receive the hospice benefit, patients must meet hospice criteria to be admitted. Equipment and medications are only covered if they are related to the hospice diagnosis, palliative and non-aggressive. All skilled visits are determined by each patient's individual needs in accordance with the plan of care determined by an interdisciplinary group. **Home health care and Hospice** is covered through Medicare benefits and some services may require additional criteria for coverage