

## Who Pays for Hospice Care?

### Medicare and Medicaid Benefits

Hospice care is a covered benefit under Medicare and Medicaid for patients whose life expectancy is six months or less if their disease runs its normal course. The benefit covers all services, medications, and equipment related to the hospice qualifying diagnosis.

### Other Insurance Benefits

Most third-party and private insurances will pay for all or specific aspects of home hospice care. Check with your insurance agent and policy for qualifications and procedures.

### Donations

Hospice programs and services are supported in part by the community. Donations are gratefully accepted.



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*Pemi-Baker Community Health  
touches lives:  
yours, your family's, your neighbor's*

PBCH is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of the community by providing excellence in health care services through outreach, in-home and facility-based programming.

### *Pemi-Baker Home Health*

We provide professional health care in the home setting. Home care helps patients achieve and maintain health, function, and comfort after illnesses, surgeries, and injuries, and is available for all ages and needs.

### *Pemi-Baker Rehab Therapies*

Our skilled physical, occupational and speech therapists work one on one with patients recovering from an injury or illness, suffering from a chronic condition to move your body to a position of strength.

### *Pemi-Baker Aquatic & Fitness*

We welcome members of the community to our heated therapeutic pool for classes and design-assisted exercise programs. Our fitness training gym is open for use by the public by members or drop-ins with flexible hours and personal trainers by appointment.

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HOSPICE



Redefining  
Hope



## Redefining Hope

People who are choosing hospice are not giving up hope; they are, in fact, redefining it. Though there may no longer be a possibility of curing their illness, they redirect their hope into mending and restoring relationships, spending quality time with those they love, and finding peace and comfort.



Choosing hospice doesn't mean choosing death: it means choosing to live life to the fullest. Usually once someone has chosen hospice, they have been through a lot already. Many people have experienced multiple hospital admissions, possibly chemotherapy and radiation, invasive tests and treatments that can leave patients feeling sick and tired. By choosing hospice, they have decided to focus on the quality rather than the quantity of life.

*"Hope is the thing with feathers—  
That perches in the soul—  
And sings the tune without words—  
And never stops—at all—"*

—Emily Dickinson

## What Is Hospice?

Hospice is a unique and special philosophy of care designed to provide comfort and support for patients and families faced with a life-limiting illness that no longer responds to cure-oriented treatment.

Hospice care neither prolongs life nor hastens death.



*"You matter to the last  
moment of your life  
and we will do all we can,  
not only to help you die peacefully,  
but to live until you die."*

—Dame Cicely Saunders

Hospice care involves addressing all symptoms of a disease with a special emphasis on controlling a patient's physical pain and discomfort.

The Hospice team strives to ease the emotional, social, and spiritual stress often felt by patients and their families and friends by offering comprehensive, compassionate counseling and services.

Visits from volunteers can provide respite for caregivers, and enhance the patient's day with quiet company, music, reading, or other desired pursuits.

## What Hospice Offers

The interdisciplinary hospice team specializes in providing individualized care and services that support the terminally ill patient, their primary caregivers, and families so that loved ones may remain at home.

These may include:

- ♥ physician services
- ♥ nursing services
- ♥ social work services
- ♥ bereavement services
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- ♥ dietary counseling
- ♥ social work services
- ♥ home health aides
- ♥ trained volunteers
- ♥ medical equipment
- ♥ medication
- ♥ supplies
- ♥ inpatient respite
- ♥ 24/7 on-call support

## Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Hospice volunteers are the heart of hospice.

We welcome you to consider becoming a:

- ♥ Patient/Family Companion
- ♥ Professional Volunteer
- ♥ Administrative Support
- ♥ Community Liaison

If you feel called or this touches your heart, call us for more information.