It’s never easy to think about losing someone you love...

That’s why many families wait to call us—often until the final days or weeks of life. But when hospice is involved earlier, there’s so much more we can do to help.

Calling sooner allows us to ease the journey—not just at the end, but throughout the final months of life.

Patients and families receive expert support from a full team: physicians and nurses to manage pain and symptoms, social workers to help navigate decisions and offer emotional support, spiritual care providers, trained volunteers, home health aids, 24/7 on-call support, and more.

We also help take care of practical needs. Medical equipment, medications related to the hospice diagnosis, and in-home visits are all available through your Medicare or insurance. That means families can spend less time coordinating care—and more time just being together.

The earlier we’re involved, the more support we can provide.



Hospice is the compassionate care you and your loved one deserve when time is precious. At Hospicare, your loved one receives expert medical attention, while you’re supported every step of the way. And even after they’re gone, we’re still here for you, offering grief support and counseling.

Start the conversation.
Contact us today.

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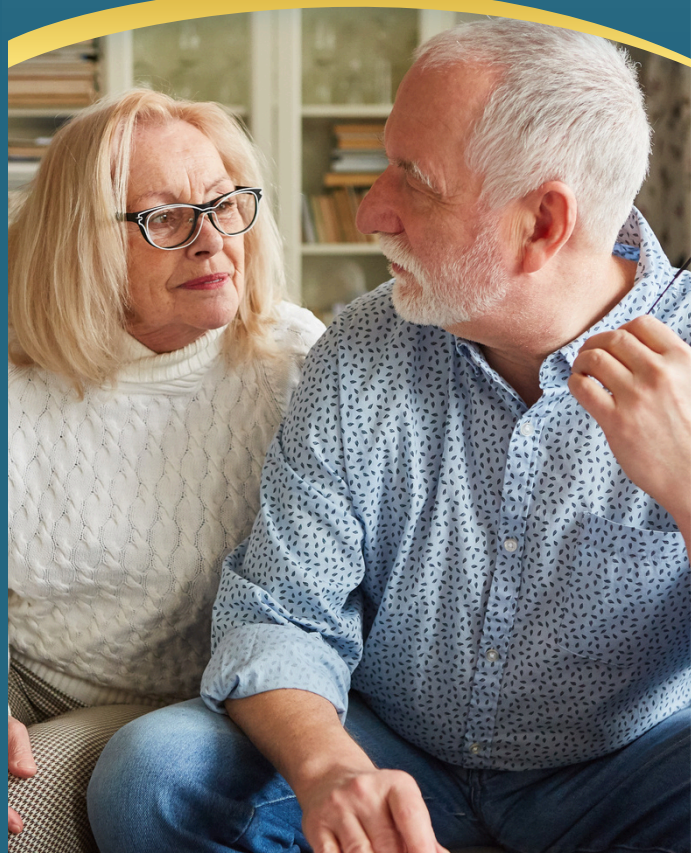
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Is it time to talk about hospice?

A Compassionate Guide for Families Navigating Serious Illness



Choosing hospice isn't giving up—it's choosing comfort, dignity, and support.

Many people think calling hospice means giving up. But hospice isn't about losing hope—it's about focusing on comfort, dignity, and the moments that matter most.

When a cure is no longer possible, hospice offers a different kind of care.

Our team supports patients and families with expert pain and symptom management, emotional and spiritual care, and practical help at home, covered by Medicare and other insurances.

Hospice helps people live fully and meaningfully in the time they have. It's not about giving up—it's about choosing how you want to live.



Hospice is available to ANY individual, no matter their age, who has been diagnosed with ANY life-limiting illness with a life expectancy of six months or less.

Getting started is easy. Once you call us, we'll connect you to an admissions specialist who can answer any questions you may have and set up an in-home assessment, along with providing more information on what being on hospice includes. If you or your loved one are ready to sign up for hospice care, we'll work with you to make the sign-up process as easy as possible.

Anyone can make a referral to hospice, including friends and neighbors, family, physicians or nurses, or the patient themselves.

Signs That It's Time to Consider Hospice

These are some of the most common signs that it might be time to contact us for an assessment:

- Frequent hospitalizations
- Increased weakness
- Multiple falls
- Decrease in the ability to function
- Weight loss
- Increased shortness of breath
- Advanced dementia
- Trouble swallowing
- Treatments are causing discomfort or are no longer effective
- A desire to focus on comfort care over curative treatments

If you're not sure, we're happy to speak with you to discuss your situation. Give us a call at (607) 272-0212 to talk to one of our admissions specialists.