

Hospice Care



What is Hospice Care?

Hospice Care is comfort care provided to you and your family if you have terminal condition, with less than 6 months to live, and are no longer seeking treatment other than palliative care.

Hospice Care can be provided at home, in an outpatient clinic or in an inpatient setting.

Am I eligible for Hospice Care?

Since Hospice Care is part of the VHA Standard Medical Benefits Package, all *enrolled Veterans* are eligible **IF they meet the clinical need for the service.**

There are NO COPAYS for Hospice Care, whether it is provided by the VA or an organization with a VA contract.

What services can I get?

Hospice Care provides services that relieve suffering and help control symptoms in a way that respects your

personal, cultural, and religious beliefs and practices. Hospice Care also provides bereavement support to your family.

You and your family meet with a care team to develop a plan of care together that meets your medical, social, spiritual and psychological needs.

How do I decide if it is right for me?

You can use a [Veteran Decision Aid for Care at Home or in the Community](#) to help you figure out what home care services or long term care services may best meet your needs now or in the future.

There's also a [Caregiver Self-Assessment](#). It can help your caregiver identify their own needs and decide how much support they can offer to you. Having this information from your caregiver, along with the involvement of your care team and social worker, will help you reach good long-term care decisions.

Ask your social worker for these resources or download copies from the [Making Decisions and Advance Care Planning](#) section at www.va.gov/Geriatrics.

Talk with your VA social worker about Hospice Care.

