

Hospice, Palliative Care, and Home Health Care Comparison

WHAT SERVICES DOES MEDICARE COVER?

Hospice, Palliative Care, and Home Health Care provide an important service for patients and families, but these three services are different in their philosophy of care and coverage of services under their benefit. This guide will help you determine which services are right for your patients or family members.

	HOSPICE	PALLIATIVE CARE	HOME HEALTH CARE
Conditions, disease state, and treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment focuses on symptom control and comfort Life-limiting condition Health is declining 	Treatment focuses on a chronic medical condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on cure Acute medical condition Must show improvement with measurable goals
Does patient have to be homebound?	NO Patients are free to visit & travel	NO	YES Must be homebound while receiving care
WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED FOR EACH BENEFIT?			
What does my insurance pay?	100%	80%	80%
MD/NP/PA Visits	✓	✓	
Nursing Care	✓		✓
Medical Social Services	✓	✓	
Spiritual Counseling (Chaplain)	✓		
Personal Care Assistance	✓		✓
Bereavement Counseling	✓		
Volunteer Support	✓		
Medications	✓		
Oxygen & Other Equipment	✓		
Medical Supplies	✓		
WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?			
Private Residence	✓	✓	✓
Assisted Living Residences	✓	✓	✓
Skilled Nursing Facilities	✓	✓	

*Subject to your deductible. Some services may require additional criteria for coverage

HOSPICE BENEFITS

Available for those patients who meet the hospice criteria and are admitted into a program. Equipment and medications that are related to the hospice diagnosis are covered at 100%

PALLIATIVE CARE

Managed by physician group and covered under traditional insurance. Most services are subject to a deductible and payable at 80%

HOME HEALTH CARE

Covered through insurance and is subject to traditional coverage limitations or requirements. Some services may require additional criteria for coverage. Most services are subject to a deductible and payable at 80%



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