

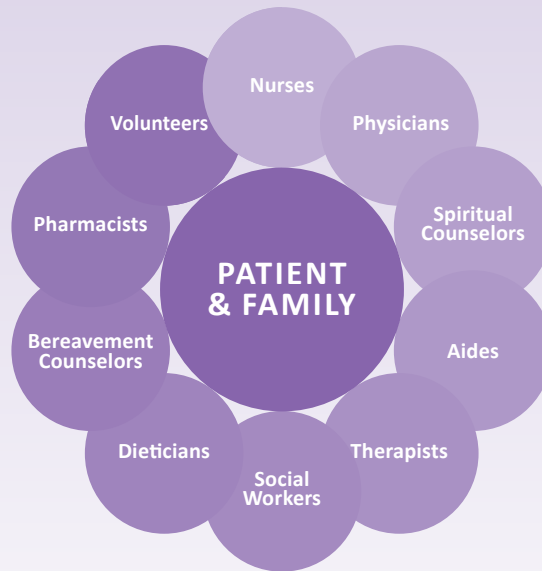
Fast Facts

- Your physician and healthcare team can help you decide if hospice is right for you.
- Once you enroll in hospice, you can still maintain contact with your oncology care team.
- Hospice will provide care for pain and symptom management.
- Hospice will help you and your family along the way in making decisions related to your care.
- Support services are available to you and your family or caregivers.
- Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurances cover hospice.

Studies show patients live longer in hospice and have a higher quality of life.



CARE IS PROVIDED BY
AN EXPERIENCED TEAM OF
PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS,
AND MAY INCLUDE:



Hospice is comfort care and compassionate support for individuals who are experiencing a life-limiting illness and terminal diagnosis.

MOQC
MICHIGAN ONCOLOGY
QUALITY CONSORTIUM

 **Blue Cross
Blue Shield**
of Michigan
Nonprofit corporations and independent licensees
of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Questions
you may have about
HOSPICE





CHOOSING HOSPICE

HOW DO I KNOW THAT HOSPICE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

If you have been told that you have a life-limiting illness by your physician, hospice care is an option for you.

WHAT IS HOSPICE AND WHAT DOES THE HOSPICE TEAM DO?

- Hospice is comfort care and compassionate support for individuals facing a terminal diagnosis
- Hospice supports the person and their support team
- Hospice works to ensure that the person's emotional and physical needs are met
- Hospice allows the person to face the diagnosis with dignity

HOW DO I CHOOSE ONE HOSPICE IF THERE ARE SEVERAL HOSPICES AVAILABLE TO CARE FOR ME?

- Set up a free informational session at any hospice
- Look at [medicare.gov/hospicecompare](https://www.medicare.gov/hospicecompare) to search hospice agencies near you
- Discuss with your physician and healthcare team

HOSPICE CARE

WHERE CAN I RECEIVE HOSPICE?

- Home
- Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
- Assisted Living Facility (ALF)
- Adult Foster Care (AFC)
- Hospice House
- Anywhere you live

HOW OFTEN WILL HOSPICE SEE ME ONCE I AM THEIR PATIENT AND HOW PERSONALIZED IS MY CARE?

All hospices will personalize and visit you based on your needs. All hospice patients will have access to a physician, nurse, social worker, spiritual care, hospice aides and volunteers.

Staff are available for emergencies and questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CAN I STOP HOSPICE?

You may stop hospice at any time and re-enroll if and when you are ready.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

ARE THERE OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

Some hospices may offer massage, music, pet or art therapy. Ask about available services.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS DO?

Volunteers are friendly visitors who can provide companionship and support.

WHAT IF MY CAREGIVER NEEDS A "BREAK"?

If your caregiver needs a break in providing day-to-day care for you, speak to your hospice team. The team can discuss options and schedule a service that meets your family's/your needs.

ARE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES AVAILABLE?

Bereavement services are available, including individual and group grief support, counseling, and other services.