

# HOSPICE CARE

*Hospice is supportive care during the terminal phase of an illness, when there is a shift from curative to supportive care measures.*

## **What is hospice?**

- Hospice is a service and can be provided to the patient wherever the patient calls home.
- Hospice is a health care benefit available to patients through their insurance.
- Hospice is specialized care provided by medical professionals including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, home care aides, social workers and chaplains. They all work together to provide both the patient and their family comfort through symptom management, as well as psychosocial and spiritual support.
- Hospice can also provide some medical equipment, related medications, respite care, volunteer services, bereavement and counseling services

## **Who is eligible for hospice?**

- Hospice is available to people who are experiencing an advanced, life-limiting illness. Hospice is used when disease advances and the treatment can no longer cure or control it.

## **How is hospice different from palliative care?**

- Hospice is typically provided during final stages of someone's life. Medicare guidelines indicate that hospice services should be used when a person is expected to live about six months or less if the illness were to run its course. Palliative care focuses more on symptom management as the person is continuing with curative treatments.

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Selecting an agency is a health care right. Please note, this is not a comprehensive list. Visit [Medicare.gov/homehealthcompare](https://www.Medicare.gov/homehealthcompare) to search star ratings and view patient surveys.

### LOCAL HOSPICE AGENCIES

#### **Advocate Hospice** **([advocatehealth.com](https://advocatehealth.com))**

- Serves: Cook, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties
- Phone: 630.963.6800

#### **Amita Hospice/now Ascension** **([amitahealth.org](https://amitahealth.org))**

- Serves: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties
- Phone: 847.292.2310

#### **Journey Care Hospice** **([journeycare.org](https://journeycare.org))**

- Serves: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lee, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, Ogle, Winnebago and Will counties
- Phone: 844.656.8763

#### **Kindred at Home** **([kindredathome.com](https://kindredathome.com))**

- Serves: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, McHenry and Will counties
- Phone: 847.972.1590

#### **Residential Hospice** **([residentialhealthcaregroup.com](https://residentialhealthcaregroup.com))**

- Serves: Part of Cook and part of Lake counties
- Phone: 855.902.5100

#### **Transitions Hospice** **([transitions hospice.com](https://transitions hospice.com))**

- Serves: Cook, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties
- Phone 847.515.1505

#### **Unity Hospice of Chicagoland** **([unityhospice.com](https://unityhospice.com))**

- Serves: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake and Will counties
- Phone: 312.427.6000

#### **Vitas Healthcare** **([vitas.com](https://vitas.com))**

- Serves: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle and Winnebago counties
- Phone: 630.495.8484