

PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative care is specialized medical care provided for patients with serious or life-limiting illness, including chronic and progressive neurological conditions such as dementia or Parkinson's Disease.

What is palliative care?

- Palliative care aims to improve quality of life, provides an extra layer of support that compliments ongoing care and facilitates a goals of care discussion for patients and families.
- Palliative care is provided by a team of specially trained medical professionals such as a nurse practitioner and registered nurses.
- Palliative care is a health care benefit available to patients through their insurance. It does not replace primary care or treatment of a serious illness, but instead the palliative care team works together with a person's primary care team to provide additional oversight, management and support.

Who is eligible for palliative care?

- Palliative care is available to patients with advanced chronic illness, regardless of their treatment status. Palliative care can begin at any stage of the illness and continue throughout the disease process. Palliative care is sometimes seen as a bridge to hospice.

How is palliative care different from hospice care?

- Palliative care and hospice care fall under the same umbrella and are usually provided by the same organization. Unlike hospice, palliative care is not time limited and can be used while a person is still receiving curative treatments for their illness. The focus is on managing many symptoms associated with their illness such as pain, nervousness, sadness, difficulties with sleep and appetite, etc.

Please see the back of this page for a list of local palliative care agencies.

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Selecting an agency is a health care right. Please note, this is not a comprehensive list. Palliative and Hospice care are provided by the same companies, therefore both services are listed under hospice. Visit [Medicare.gov/homehealthcompare](https://www.Medicare.gov/homehealthcompare) to search star ratings and view patient surveys.

LOCAL PALLIATIVE AGENCIES

Advocate Hospice **(advocatehealth.com)**

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

Amita Hospice/now Ascension **(amitahealth.org)**

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

Journey Care Hospice **(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)**

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

Northshore University Health System Palliative Care Program **(northshore.org)**

- Serves: Part of Cook and part of Lake counties
- Phone: 847.515.1505

Transitions Hospice **(transitions hospice.com)**

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

Unity Hospice of Chicagoland **(unityhospice.com)**

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

Vitas Healthcare **(vitas.com)**

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