

## PALLIATIVE CARE OR HOSPICE? THE RIGHT SERVICE AT THE RIGHT TIME

	PALLIATIVE CARE	HOSPICE
‡	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any individual with a serious illness, regardless of life expectancy or prognosis. Patient may still receive curative treatment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any individual with a terminal prognosis with life expectancy of six months or less if the disease runs its normal course. Patient no longer receives curative treatment.</li> </ul>
What services are provided and when?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pain and symptom management, in-person and phone calls, help navigating treatment options, advance care planning, and referrals to community resources</li> <li>No bereavement support</li> <li>Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four levels of care (routine, inpatient, continuous, and respite) for pain and symptom management, medical equipment, related medications, volunteer services, spiritual care, counseling services, and inpatient and continuous care</li> <li>Bereavement support for 13 months after patient’s death</li> <li>24-hour on-call, in-person visits</li> </ul>
How long can an individual receive services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not time-limited</li> <li>Depends upon care needs and insurance coverage</li> <li>Intermittent care that increases over time as the disease progresses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services can be provided as long as hospice criteria for Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurances are met</li> </ul>
When should I refer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When individuals with an advanced chronic illness are receiving maximum medical therapy</li> <li>For those who are not emotionally ready to elect hospice care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When Individuals have received maximum curative therapy</li> <li>When the focus has shifted to symptom management and comfort care, usually with a terminal prognosis of six months or less</li> </ul>