



Hospice
of the
Calumet
Area

Cherishing Life

PATIENT/CAREGIVER GUIDE



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We understand how difficult it can be for families to talk about end-of-life care. Our inspiring staff here at Hospice of the Calumet Area would be honored to help provide guidance and direction at a time that may seem overwhelming. Since 1981, HCA has been providing hospice care with a commitment to honoring our patients and their family's wishes, by providing compassionate care with an emphasis on symptom management.



Our focus is Cherishing Life and we are committed to providing our patients and families with the physical, emotional and spiritual support they need and deserve. We provide care in the home, in nursing homes, facilities, or our William J. Riley Memorial Residence.

What is hospice care?

Hospice care is based on a philosophy of care that focuses on pain and symptom management. Our Hospice of the Calumet Area team are trained professionals that support patients and families with comfort and quality of life.

How is hospice care paid for?

Hospice is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurances plans. These costs cover DME (medical equipment), medications, supplies and hospice care.

When is Hospice appropriate and what does it entail?

Patients are eligible for specialized hospice care when a physician provides an illness prognosis of six months or less. Our philosophy at Hospice of the Calumet Area is to focus on quality of life and symptom management. We provide an entire multidisciplinary team that includes a medical director, nurses, certified nurses aides, spiritual counselors, social workers, grief counselors, skilled therapists, and volunteers.



Where is hospice care provided?

Hospice care is provided wherever a patient calls home. HCA provides inspiring care in the home, in nursing homes or facilities, or our William J. Riley Memorial Residence, for patients with critical care needs. Over 90% of hospice care takes place in the patient's home.

How do I know which hospice to choose?

Hospice of the Calumet Area is proud of the reputation we have for providing award-winning compassionate care. We proudly serve all of Lake and Porter County, parts of LaPorte County and bordering Illinois communities. We encourage you to become familiar with the numerous resources on our website HospiceCalumet.org and our social media outlets such as Facebook, YouTube and others.

Benefits of early hospice care

- Specialized pain and symptom management
- 24-hour on-call services
- Patient comfort
- Patient and family education and support
- Respite care
- Improved quality of life for patient
- Honoring patient and family's wishes
- Counseling, Bereavement and Spiritual services
- Reduced stress for patients and families
- Help with time management and setting goals



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For questions or referrals, call our Admissions Team at **219.922.2732** or **708.895.8332** or fax **219.922.3729**. HCA covers all of Lake and Porter County, as well as parts of LaPorte County and surrounding Illinois. As a non-profit, we care for all eligible individuals regardless of ability to pay.

HOSPICE  **5-STAR** PATIENT CARE QUALITY RATING
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Awarded for excellence in hospice care.



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