



CRATER
COMMUNITY
HOSPICE

*Some things
you should
know about
Hospice.*



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Medicare Certified

PEOPLE WITH LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESSES WHO WISH TO SPEND THEIR FINAL DAYS IN THE COMFORT OF THEIR HOMES FACE MANY OBSTACLES. BUT THEY NO LONGER HAVE TO FACE THOSE OBSTACLES ALONE.



Help is here.

THE CRATER COMMUNITY HOSPICE STAFF, WORKING WITH THE PATIENT'S OWN PHYSICIAN AND A NETWORK OF CARING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, HELP THE PATIENT AND FAMILY COPE BY PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

HOSPICE CARE BECOMES APPROPRIATE WHEN THE FOCUS OF CARE SHIFTS FROM AGGRESSIVE TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE TO RELIEVING AND MANAGING THE SYMPTOMS. USUALLY THE PATIENT HAS A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF SIX MONTHS OR LESS.

THE HOSPICE TEAM STANDS READY 24 HOURS A DAY TO ASSIST THE FAMILY IN TIMES OF CRISIS.

patients

Patients who meet the following criteria are eligible for Hospice services:

- In the opinion of the attending physician, the patient's life expectancy is less than six months.
- The patient is a resident of the cities of Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights or Emporia, or the counties of Prince George, Dinwiddie, Chesterfield, Sussex, Surry or Charles City.
- The patient and family are aware that the patient has a life-limiting illness and that hospice care is comfort care, not curative care.
- The focus of care is on pain management and symptom control to enable the patient to remain at home with family members.
- A responsible caregiver is available to give or coordinate care.

services

Each patient's plan of care is individually designed with the whole family in mind. Services may include:

- Symptom control and pain management.
- Scheduled and emergency home visits by nurses, certified nursing assistants, social workers, other health professionals and volunteers.
- Emotional support and counseling for both patient and family members.
- Medical equipment, supplies and pain control medications.
- Short-term inpatient or respite care for medical or family emergencies.
- Spiritual support for all faiths.
- Bereavement support for family and friends for up to a year.

payment

Crater Community Hospice is a not-for-profit organization whose care and services are funded through insurance reimbursement, memorial gifts and generous support from the community.

Crater Community Hospice provides care regardless of the patient's ability to pay.