

Advocate at Home

Transitioning from Home Care to Hospice

Options for Coverage

Typical Insurance <i>Covered Benefits related to the Home Care diagnosis</i>	Typical Insurance <i>Covered Benefits related to the Hospice diagnosis</i>
Service length based on clinical need – averages 30 – 45 days. Goal: to maximize independence and rehab potential.	Service typically lasts a <u>minimum</u> of 6 months, longer if needed and can extend service with physician approval. Goal: aggressively fight symptoms, provide comfort to patient and family; help MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT.
Nursing Care Manager	Registered Nurse Care Manager
Social Worker	Social Worker
Home Health Aide	Home Health Aide
Supplies	Supplies
Dietician	Dietician
Physician/APN Home Visits – <i>maybe</i>	Physician/APN Home Visits
Lab Work	Lab Work – <i>related to terminal illness</i>
Rehab Services (i.e., PT, OT, Speech)	Rehab Services (i.e., PT, OT, Speech) – <i>select services available</i>
Palliative Care Consult	N/A
	Medications – <i>related to terminal illness</i>
	Chaplain Services
	Volunteer Services (<i>visitor, reader, sitter, etc.</i>)
	13-Month Bereavement Program
	Medical Equipment Costs (<i>hospital bed, bedside table, bedside commode, wheelchair, etc.</i>)
	Advanced Directive Planning
	Respite Care
	Continuous Care
	General Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility Inpatient Care for Symptom Management

What if I have questions?

To learn more, please call Advocate Hospice at **630.963.6800** in Chicagoland or **309.268.5930** in Normal, Ill.



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Frequently Asked Questions

The following comparison can help you understand the difference between home care, which is what you're receiving now, and hospice.

How Long Does It Last?

- Home care is short term.
- Hospice care can continue for months, even years.

What Are the Goals?

- In home care, the goal is to help you recover from an illness or injury and achieve maximum functioning or independence.
- In hospice, the goal is to manage your symptoms and make you comfortable.

What Care and Services are Paid For?

Your Medicare hospice benefit will cover all services related to your hospice diagnosis. Hospice provides **100% coverage** for:

- Visits made by the hospice team (nurse, therapist, social worker, aides)
- Medications
- Home medical equipment and supplies
- Doctor visits
- Outpatient tests
- Short-term hospice inpatient care in the hospital, including transportation
- Short-term hospice services provided in a nursing facility
- Chaplain services
- Volunteer and bereavement services
- Advance directive planning
- Respite care for loved ones

In addition, Medicare will continue to cover care not related to the hospice diagnosis.

What does Private Insurance Cover?

Most private insurance companies provide coverage similar to Medicare. Your Advocate team will help you understand your individual insurance situation.

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Ask a member of your Advocate at Home clinical staff or call **630.963.6800**.