

Care & Services

HospiceCare of the Piedmont, Inc. exists to provide expert care and services for patients and families facing the physical and emotional challenge of a life-limiting illness.



This care is available to patients when efforts toward cure are no longer indicated. Under the direction of the patient's primary physician, our goal is to enhance the patient's

quality of life by managing symptoms, controlling pain, and helping create the most comfortable environment possible.

HospiceCare of the Piedmont offers an alternative to hospital care for the patient and the family by providing necessary services in the home, at Hospice House, or at another place of residence such as a nursing home. Services provided include:

- Medical care and supervision under the direction of the patient's primary care physician. The Hospice Medical Director also provides consultation for the Hospice Team.
- Hospice nurses provide patient care teaching for family and friends, and help with the management of pain and other symptoms. Members of the Hospice Team are available on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Hospice Home Health Aides assist with bathing and personal care.
- Social Workers help identify and resolve problems, coordinate resources, and provide counseling.
- Trained volunteers provide emotional support, help with home care tasks, and offer brief periods of relief for the caregiver.
- Spiritual support and counseling.
- Assistance with needed medical supplies and equipment.
- Bereavement support services for the family.

Emphasis is placed on addressing the needs of both the patient and the family.



Who is eligible for hospice care?

Patients appropriate for HospiceCare should meet the following criteria:

- Patient has a life-limiting illness and treatment is directed toward care and comfort rather than cure.
- Physician approval and willingness to serve on the Hospice Team.
- Patient lives in Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, Laurens, or Saluda County.
- Patient/family desires supportive homecare services.

In the absence of a cure, care makes all the difference.



HOSPICE HOUSE
of HospiceCare of the Piedmont

Hospice House

There are times when a patient's care cannot be managed at home. There may be a need for a medication adjustment, the need for more skilled care than loved ones can provide and when there is a period of respite needed for caregivers. Those times are when patients and families turn to the *Hospice House*.

The *Hospice House* offers a homelike setting which encourages families, including children and pets, to visit and a family member to stay overnight. Each patient room is comfortably decorated and furnished with a sofa sleeper and recliner and offers a private bath. The family room, family kitchen, sunroom and chapel allow families to enjoy many of the comforts of home. In addition, the surrounding gardens, patios and gazebo allow the patients and families an opportunity to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the outdoors.

Patients receive the finest medical, spiritual and emotional support and are able to live out their last days with dignity and comfort.

Who is eligible for Hospice House?

All patients currently enrolled in HospiceCare of the Piedmont programs are eligible for admission based on need. Patients from area hospitals are eligible for care based upon meeting the program admission guidelines. Admission to Hospice House is made without regard to age, gender, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, diagnosis or ability to pay for service.

The Hospice House accepts terminally ill patients who require short term care that:

- Are in need of symptom management - such as medication adjustment and other palliative care procedures.
- Require more skilled care than a loved one can provide, usually in response to a medical crisis.
- Require short term respite care in order to relieve the caregiver.
- Have the need for teaching and assistance in order to transition from a hospital to home.

Anyone Can Refer a Patient



Anyone...whether it be a physician, family member, friend, or clergy may refer a patient to HospiceCare of the Piedmont. Admission to the program will be determined by the previously mentioned criteria.

Patients should be referred to HospiceCare as early as possible after a life limiting disease is diagnosed. This will allow us to provide maximum care to the patient and family.

To make a referral to our program, please call HospiceCare of the Piedmont at 227-9393.

HospiceCare is Not-For-Profit

Funding is provided through a variety of sources. As a state licensed and Medicare and Medicaid certified agency, HospiceCare of the Piedmont is able to receive Medicare and Medicaid payments for services of qualified patients. Additionally, many private health insurance companies provide reimbursement for Hospice services.

HospiceCare is a not-for-profit organization. Memorials, gifts, bequests, civic organizations, corporations, churches, and individuals help us to provide services for patients and families with no payment source. No one is denied services based on their ability to pay. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. All financial contributions are applied in full to provide services for Hospice patients and families.

HospiceCare treats
the person,
not the disease.



Grief Support

Our Grief Counseling Program offers support and counseling to Hospice families and caregivers upon the death of their loved one. Individual contacts are made based on a prescribed plan of care by the Hospice Team of professionals.

Community wide, the program helps people of all ages learn to cope with a range of issues related to grief and loss. Ongoing programs and support groups exist in the counties we serve on a monthly basis. These programs are open to any person interested within the area. HospiceCare also provides grief support for children through school-based groups and the annual Camp Celebrate Hope.



Hospice is a special
kind of caring.

Volunteers

HospiceCare of the Piedmont's Volunteer Program trains interested individuals to serve as patient and family volunteers. The program also accepts those who may be interested in working within the Hospice office as a clerical or fundraising volunteer. For more information or to become a volunteer, please call the Volunteer Coordinator at the Hospice office at 227-9393.

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