

A Guide to How the Medicare Hospice Benefit Works for You

Participating in the Medicare Hospice Benefit is simply a matter of electing it. The Hospice Benefit takes the place of Medicare Part A coverage for services related to the terminal illness. Part A Coverage remains intact for services not related to the terminal illness.

Medicare Part B (physician services) is not affected and continues as normal.

The Medicare Hospice Benefit is available for two 90-day periods, and subsequent 60 day periods thereafter.

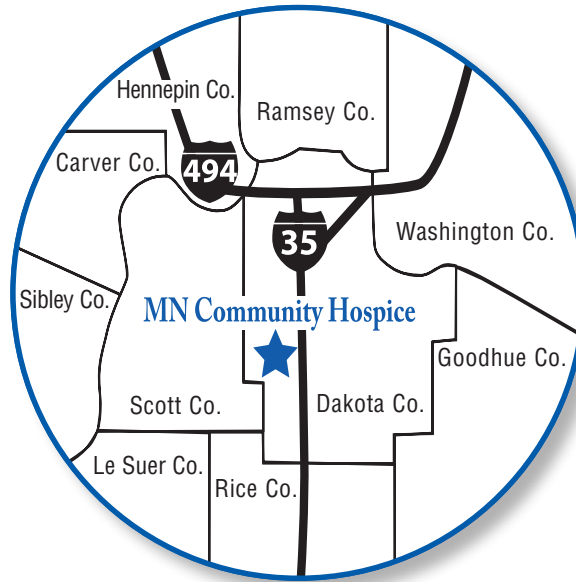
Hospice services may be discontinued at any time, either by the patient or family, or because of an improved prognosis. When this happens, Medicare Part A coverage resumes, and the remaining days in the current Hospice Benefit period are forfeited. The benefit may be elected again if needed at a later date.

Our Commitment to Patients, Families and Loved Ones

We recognize the unique physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs of each person. We strive to extend the highest level of compassion and service to patients, families, caregivers, loved ones, visitors and each other.

Our Service Area

Minnesota Community Hospice provides home care for those needing hospice services south of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Please call to see if we can help.



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Our Philosophy

Hospice Affirms Life.

Minnesota Community Hospice provides an individualized program of physical, emotional, spiritual, and practical care for people in the last phases of a life-limiting illness—with an emphasis on control of pain and other symptoms.



Our Mission

Minnesota Community Hospice provides an individualized program of physical, emotional, spiritual, and practical care for people in the last phases of a life-limiting illness—with an emphasis on control of pain and other symptoms.

Our program is reflective of a spirit and idea of caring that emphasizes comfort and dignity for those facing the end of life—making it possible for them to remain independent for as long as possible, and in familiar surroundings.

Minnesota Community Hospice is centered on both the patient and family/caregiver. Our personnel respect and respond to the unique differences in family/caregiver, lifestyle, values, and wishes.

Our Care Team

Utilizing an interdisciplinary group approach of caring physicians, nurses, social workers, homemakers, hospice aides, volunteers, spiritual counselors, bereavement counselors, and other caregivers.

Minnesota Community Hospice provides palliative care in the home, short-term inpatient services, mobilization and coordination of ancillary services and bereavement support.

Our Services

- 24-hour access to an on-call RN
- Visits from a hospice nurse
- Visits from a hospice social worker
- Visits from spiritual care providers
- Visits from trained hospice volunteers
- Personal care from a home health aide
- Complimentary therapies, as needed
- Treatment for pain and other symptoms
- Continuous care for acute symptom management
- Hospitalization for acute symptom management
- Inpatient respite care
- Education and assistance in writing health care directives (a living will)
- Assistance arranging additional care
- Bereavement support for family and caregivers

All services are provided in alignment with Medicare requirements and regulations.

If you would like to make an honorary or memorial gift to benefit those needing hospice care, The John J. Wielgus Hospice Foundation is an independent nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. Charitable gifts are tax deductible and deeply appreciated.

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