

## Medicare Hospice Benefit

All medicare beneficiaries have access to their hospice benefits when they have a life ending disease. Illnesses that are covered include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Alzheimer's and related dementia
- ◆ Cancer
- ◆ Stroke
- ◆ Liver or Kidney disease
- ◆ Heart disease
- ◆ Lung disease
- ◆ Neurological diseases
- ◆ Failure to thrive

### Hospice Care Covers

- ◆ Nursing care
- ◆ Hospice aide
- ◆ Physician directed services
- ◆ Pain management
- ◆ Medications
- ◆ Medical equipment
- ◆ Medical social services
- ◆ Therapies
- ◆ Incontinence supplies
- ◆ Continuous care during final hours
- ◆ Spiritual care
- ◆ Bereavement services

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## HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

### What does it mean to Me?

When a patient and family choose to cease treatments and procedures that are no longer effective and instead focus on the individuals comfort, compassion and dignity is referred to as palliative care within a hospice organization.

Hospice care treats the symptoms of the disease, not the disease itself. The areas of comfort, compassion and dignity become the focal points for the hospice patient and their family.

### Comfort

A plan of care is developed by a professional clinical team to address all areas of pain management and physical discomfort to bring about relief that is both physical and emotional.

### Compassion

The individual and family are coping with mental, emotional and spiritual issues. Our team of social workers and chaplains are trained to help bring understanding and healing to the mind and soul of all those involved.

### Dignity

Honoring the patient and family's desire to be a part of the hospice process is an integral consideration of the care that is delivered. The respect of the patient is above all else.

### Mission

The mission of Shirkey Hospice and Palliative Care is to provide comprehensive and coordinated care to individuals with life limiting illnesses and to support their families by offering education, support and bereavement services

### Philosophy

The individual with a life limiting illness has the right to live his or her final days comfortably to the fullest extent possible; and to experience a dignified and peaceful passing. Hospice services are designed to support the individual and family decision for the patient to be in a home-like setting in their final days.

### Purpose

Caring for the terminal individual as a child of God. Acknowledging the individual's contributions to this world, both known and unknown. Providing a team of professional caregivers that become an extension of the family in providing daily compassionate care with dignity and respect.

Shirkey Hospice and Palliative Care is dedicated to serving the residents of Shirkey Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and the Richmond community.

Shirkey Hospice and Palliative Care's team of professionals include doctors, nurses, social workers, volunteers and chaplain devote their attention and efforts to the patient and their family.

The core value of Shirkey Hospice and Palliative Care is to assure that the individual's physical, emotional and spiritual needs are met with care and compassion that exceeds all expectations.

*"Shirkey Hospice and Palliative Care does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment."*

