



Would you be surprised to know that these people may be eligible for the benefits of hospice?



It is a common misconception that hospice is only for patients who have reached a stage of extreme debilitation.

Choosing hospice sooner means:

- Care focused on **your** personal goals
- Minimal interruption to **your** normal daily activities
- Time to focus on the people & things that matter most to **you**
- Additional resources to ease the load for **your** loved ones
- Maximizing **your** Medicare/Insurance benefit which includes added: services, supplies, equipment, medication and support at no additional cost or co-pay.

**Are there
signs that
indicate
someone
might be
nearing
hospice
eligibility?**

The indicators of hospice eligibility can be subtle and easily overlooked. It is often the overlapping of many smaller factors like the ones below that point a patient's prognosis toward benefit qualification.

- **Not improving** after a fall or health decline, even with surgery, therapy or other interventions.
- Needing **increased assistance** with activities of daily living such as walking, getting in and out of bed or a chair, dressing, bathing, feeding and/or toileting
- Increased dependency of **supportive devices**: like needing a wheelchair instead of a walker, or using a bedside commode instead of a toilet.
- **Adapting your usual environment** because of fatigue, balance or weakness: like always sleeping in a recliner instead of your bed or holding onto walls when you walk
- Unintentional **weight loss or gain**
- Decreased **appetite** or difficulty **swallowing**
- **Multiple hospitalizations** or ER visits
- Recurrent **falls** or recent **hip fracture**
- Recurrent **infections**
- New or worsening **wounds** that won't heal
- **New use of assistive device** such as cane, walker or wheelchair
- New or worsening **incontinence**
- **Decreased communication** or change in socialization behavior
- **Significant emotional event** such as death of a spouse or a change in where you call home
- New or worsening **mental or cognitive function**



Our nurses and physicians can assess eligibility status for you or a loved one. Ask your doctor for a referral to Elara Caring to learn more.

We care where you are.

Choose hospice sooner to add benefits for you and those who love you.

- Support for patient and family
- Physical and emotional comfort
- Care wherever you call home
- Symptom and pain management
- Counseling and respite services
- Focus on personal goals
- Minimal disruptions to normal activities
- Enhanced quality of life



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