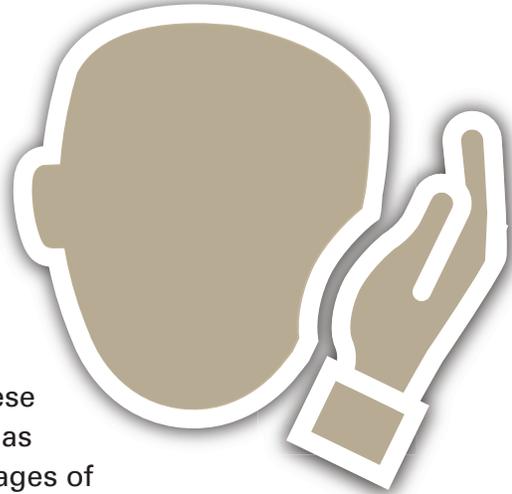


End Stage Dementia

The Medicare coverage under the Medicare Hospice Benefit for end stage dementia depends on the physician's certification. They must certify that an individual's prognosis is a life expectancy of six months or less if the terminal illness runs its normal course. These criteria are for patients with progressive dementia such as Alzheimer's Disease, Lewey Body Dementia and final stages of Parkinson's Disease. Factors one and two should be present. In addition, progressive comorbidities such as heart disease, lung disease or unstable blood sugars may also support admission to hospice.



1. Functional Assessment Staging Scale of 7

- A. Ability to speak is limited to a half dozen different words or fewer during the day or during intense interview
- B. Speech ability limited to use of single intelligible words in an average day (the person repeats words over and over)
- C. Ability to ambulate is lost (cannot walk without assistance)
- D. Ability to sit up without assistance lost (individual will fall over if not supported with pillows or arm/leg rests, requires adaptive equipment)
- E. Loss of ability to smile

2. Patients should have experienced one of the following within the past 12 months

- A. Aspiration pneumonia
- B. Pyelonephritis or other upper urinary tract infection
- C. Septicemia
- D. Multiple Stage 3 and 4 decubitus ulcers
- E. Fever, recurrent after antibiotic therapy
- F. Inability to maintain sufficient fluid and calorie intake with 10% weight loss during the previous 6 month period

Family Hospice Intervention

Once the patient and their family, attending physician and Hospice Interdisciplinary Team have agreed on hospice, Family Hospice will document an individualized written plan of care that identifies the patient's problems and needs, and the patient's and families goals of care.

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Interventions under the special Medicare/Medicaid/VA benefits include but are not limited to:

- Skilled Nursing Visits to assess and report changes in the needs of the patient
- Home Health Aide Visits to assist with personal care and daily living activities
- Medical Social Services to provide emotional support to the patient and family in addition to making sure the correct resources are available and in place
- Pastoral Care to provide spiritual support based on the patient's request
- Medical Equipment: hospital bed, wheelchair or special adaptive equipment
Prescriptions: pain medication, anti-anxiety and ant-agitation medication etc.
- Supplies: gloves, briefs, chuxs, oxygen tubing, lotions to provide personal care
- Music Therapy: to assist in relaxation techniques and improve mood
- RN **"On Call" services 24/7:** to assist in case of an emergency

MUSIC THERAPY

Music Therapists are certified allied health professionals, specially trained in hospice and palliative care. Our therapists assess patients to determine strategies for pain relief and emotional care. They provide personalized therapeutic sessions for individual hospice patients or whole family groups.



- MUSIC STIRS MEMORIES
- MUSIC AFFECTS MOOD
- MUSIC SOOTHES MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

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PET THERAPY

Certified therapy teams visit with patients wherever they reside – at home or professional care settings. For some patients, contact with these special animals evoke memories of pets in their lives.



"One of the most fundamental advantages of animal-assisted therapy over other therapeutic modalities is that it provides the patient a much-needed opportunity to give affection as well as receive it."

Dr. Andrew Weil

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