



Summary of Services for the Medicare, Medicaid and VA Hospice Benefit

Hospice Services Provided Under Per Day Coverage	Medicare	Medicaid	Veterans Benefit
Routine Home Care: Services provided by Hospice Team members through scheduled visits wherever the patient is living. (RN, CNA, Social Worker, Chaplain, Therapist, counselors, NP)	Covers visits by all hospice staff including RN "On Call" services	Covers visits by all hospice staff including RN "On Call" services	Covers visits by all hospice staff including RN "On Call" services
Continuous Care: Short term crisis intervention provided in the patient's residence primarily by the Hospice Nurse. May lead to a different level of care in order to stabilize patient's condition	100% covered Based on patient need for crisis intervention and approval of physician.	100% covered Based on patient need for crisis intervention and approval of physician.	100% covered Based on patient need for crisis intervention and approval of physician.
Respite Care: a 3-5 day stay in a contracted facility used to provide a rest for the caregiver involved in the day to day care of the patient. Hospice services are delivered in the facility	Covered under a negotiated rate between the facility and the hospice. Patient may subject to a 5% co-pay	Covered under a negotiated rate between the facility and the hospice. Patient may subject to a 5% co-pay	Covered under a negotiated rate between the facility and the hospice. Patient may subject to a 5% co-pay
General Inpatient Care: Short term inpatient care in hospital or special facility under contract with the Hospice used for management of a patient's symptom that cannot be controlled in a different setting. Admitting Diagnosis must be Hospice Related.	Pays 100% for palliative care authorized by the hospice	Pays 100% for palliative care authorized by the hospice	If VA patient requires hospitalization, they must be admitted to the nearest VA Medical Center
Medications: There is coverage for medications related to the patient's terminal illness and related conditions used in managing their symptoms brought on by the terminal illness.	Hospice Contracts with Pharmacies and patient may be subject to a limited 5% co-pay	Hospice Contracts with Pharmacies and patient may be subject to a limited 5% co-pay	Hospice Contracts with Pharmacies and patient may be subject to a limited 5% co-pay
Equipment and Supplies- Beds, oxygen, wheelchairs, walker, bath bench etc. and supplies needed to help provide care.	Pays 100% of cost	Pays 100% of cost	Pays 100% of cost
Counseling Grief Support and After Care: Providing Emotional, Grief Support and Education from admission thru 13 months of bereavement	Always covered at 100%	Always covered at 100%	Always covered at 100%
Nursing Home Room and Board Charges	Not Covered	Must be Medicaid Eligible-SNF	Not Covered

The U.S. Congress determines reimbursement levels for each level of care under Medicare. The Hospice accepts that daily rate and must pay for services outlined above. Hospice is responsible for all palliative care as it relates to the terminal illness and related conditions as outlined on the patient's plan of care.