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Understanding Palliative Care

When talking about Palliative Care and Hospice, Makenzie Shanahan, Director of All Care Hospice and Palliative Care states, “it is important for people to know that there is a difference between the two. For some, Palliative Care is a segway into hospice but it is not solely for that purpose. Palliative Care is truly a hand holding, supportive, program that is beneficial during a crucial time for both patients and families.

What is Palliative Care?

- Palliative Care is specialized medical care focused on improving the quality of life for people with serious, chronic, or life-threatening illnesses including:
 - Dementia/Alzheimer’s disease
 - Respiratory disease (COPD/Emphysema)
 - Cancer (any stage)
 - Cardiac disease (stroke, heart failure)
- The program’s aim is to care for patients in the comfort of their home (or care facility) while focusing on the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of the patient and their family as they navigate through the stresses of their disease process.
- Palliative care is suitable at any time during a chronic illness

What Services Are Included?

- Home visits by both Nurse Practitioners and RNs
- Care coordination with patient’s physician
- Individualized focus on pain and symptom management
- Goals of care conversations and advanced care planning
- Spiritual and emotional support for patient and their families

How Palliative Care Helps:

- Manages pain, nausea, fatigue, shortness of breath and other distressing symptoms
- Improves ability to continue participating in day-to-day activities
- Assists in achieving the best possible quality of life for patients to live as fully as possible during a serious, chronic, or life-limiting illness while also supporting their loved ones and caregivers

PALLIATIVE CARE

- Covered under Medicare B and most private insurances
- Eligibility not based on life expectancy
 - Same time as curative treatment
- Creates a care plan and goals along with patient’s family and medical team

BOTH

- Pain and symptom relief
- Quality of life and comfort
- 24-hour on call for crisis management
 - Interdisciplinary team
- Support for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs

HOSPICE

- 100% covered under Medicare A, Medicaid and most private insurances
- Eligibility guidelines set by Medicare, 6 months or less to live if disease runs its expected course
 - Excludes curative treatment
- Intensive support for patient and family.

“We encourage people to have a conversation about Palliative Care and Hospice as early as possible so they can maximize the benefits each program offers”

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