



All Care VNA
All Care Palliative Care
All Care Hospice
All Care Private Care
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HOSPICE CARE COMMON INDICATORS

All Care Hospice offers specialized care and support to patients and their families who are dealing with a life-limiting illness. The focus of hospice is pain relief and symptom management, along with enhancing the patient's quality of life. The cost of hospice care is 100% covered by Medicare for eligible patients.

Common Indicators in Hospice-Appropriate Patients:

- Cancer diagnosis and not seeking curative treatment
- No desire or willingness to continue dialysis treatment
- Chest pain/shortness of breath at rest, SOB requiring continuous O²
- Multiple ER visits/hospitalizations in past six months
- Severe dementia/advanced neurological diseases that results in incontinence, inability to ambulate without assistance and/or inability to communicate

Terminal illnesses can be unpredictable with fluctuations in symptoms and severity, making a hospice prognosis difficult; however, patients do benefit from an early referral to All Care Hospice.

Hospice Eligibility Criteria

It can be difficult to know when a patient's illness has advanced to the point when hospice care is appropriate.

As you get started, consider these three questions:

- Would you be surprised if this patient lived **longer than a year**?
- Is the patient experiencing more **frequent hospitalizations or ED visits**?
- Would a **conversation about goals of care** for the time remaining relieve anxiety or **improve this patient's quality of life**?

All Care is always available to answer questions about clinical eligibility for hospice care and/or discuss options with patients and their family.

For **ALL** Your Home Care and Hospice Needs

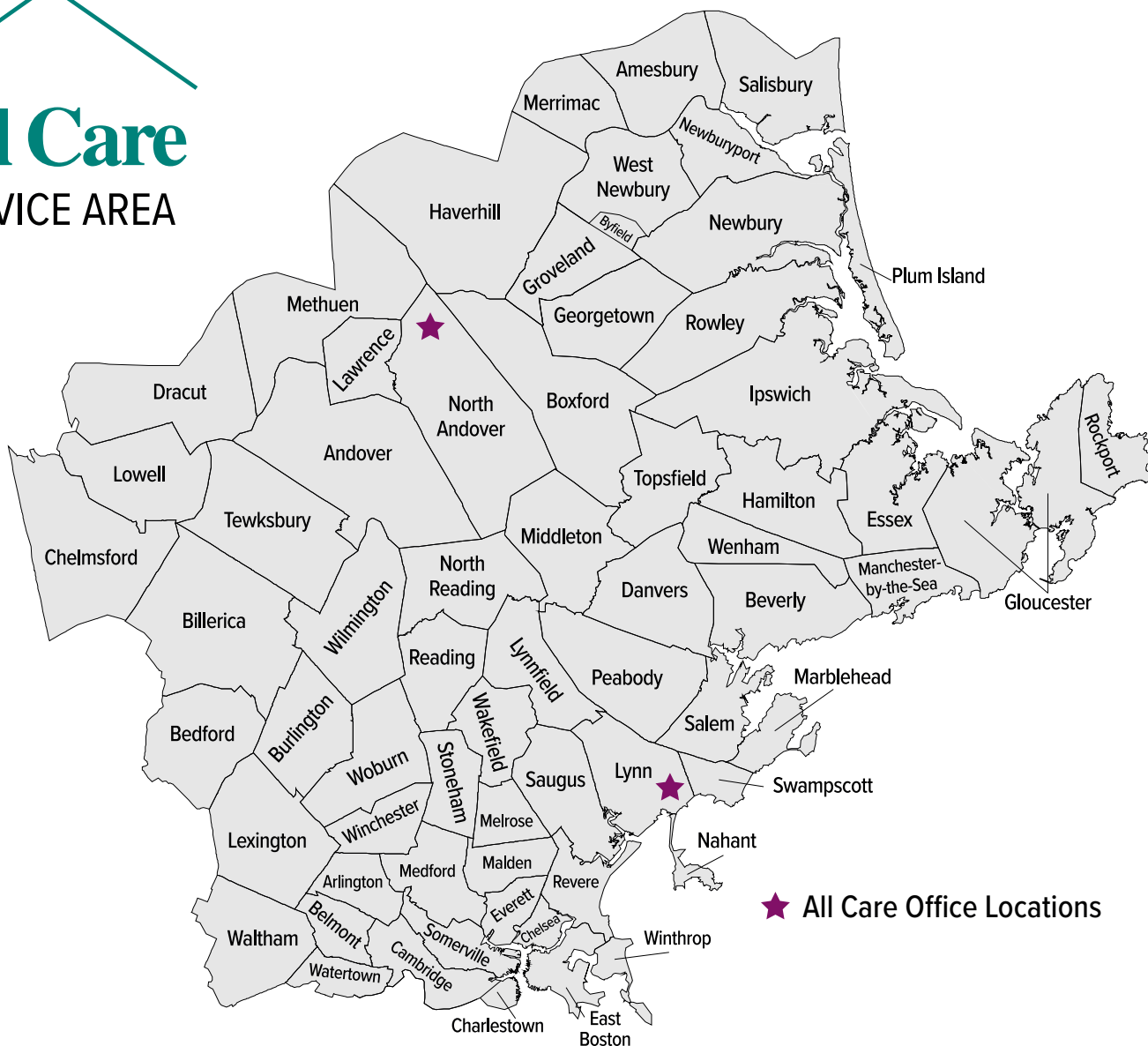
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