HOSPICE

MYTH vs FACT

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Enrolling in hospice means you are giving up.	Enrolling in hospice is choosing to focus on quality of life. On average, people enrolled in hospice live 29 days longer than those not enrolled.
If I enroll in hospice, I will have to give up my primary doctor.	Your primary care doctor works closely with and communicates regularly with the hospice team.
To receive hospice care, I will have to leave my home for an inpatient facility.	Hospice is not a place, it is a concept of care. 96% of Cedar Valley Hospice patients receive services wherever they call home.
I cannot afford hospice care.	Hospice care is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, VA and many private insurances. At Cedar Valley Hospice, no one is denied service for inability to pay.
Hospice care is only for people with a cancer diagnosis.	Hospice serves all ages dealing with a serious illness with a prognosis of six months or less. Other common diagnoses include heart disease, COPD, dementia and more.
All hospice providers are the same.	Hospice providers are separate entities. At Cedar Valley Hospice, we offer extra benefits like music therapy and access to our Hospice Home, unique to the area.
If it's time for hospice, my doctor will talk to me about it.	After receiving care, families often tell Cedar Valley Hospice "I wish I would have called sooner." Many doctors wait for you to bring up hospice, leading to late enrollment, but anyone can make a hospice referral.

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DID YOU KNOW?

You can receive hospice services for longer than 6 months. People have been on our program for over 2 years receiving the support they need. Also, patients can "graduate" from hospice and go off of it at any time.

With hospice's support, Jerry was able to spend less time in the hospital and more time enjoying life at home with me.

– Marie Easter, wife

Cedar Valley Hospice allowed my father to keep my mother home for as long as possible while providing resources to help support their well-being. They took a lot of weight off my father's shoulders.

– Abbie Schrader, daughter

Hospice often alleviates a financial burden because related medical needs are paid for through the hospice benefit. Also, equipment and supplies needed for comfort are also paid for and delivered.

FAST FACT:
You do not need to have a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order in place to receive hospice benefits. Hospice staff will advocate for your needs and wants.

MEDICATION MISCONCEPTIONS

You do not need to stop all your regular medications just because you choose to enroll in hospice.

When administered correctly for pain relief and breathlessness, morphine improves quality of life rather than hastening death.

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