

PALLIATIVE VS. HOSPICE CARE

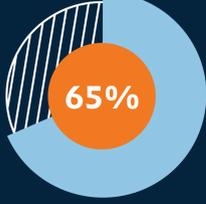
FINDING THE RIGHT SUPPORT

Facing a serious illness brings many challenges. Both palliative and hospice care can provide comfort and support. The choice between them depends on your individual needs and the path of your health journey.

1.6M
Americans receive hospice care each year.



Both services can reduce emergency visits and hospital stays.



65%
of Medicare spending goes toward people with four or more chronic conditions, the typical palliative care patient.

Families report better emotional support and lower stress when these services are used.

65%
of hospice care happens at home.



PALLIATIVE

Palliative care is for anyone living with a serious or chronic illness. It helps you manage symptoms, pain, and stress while you are still receiving curative treatments. This type of care works with your existing doctors and specialists to support you through every stage of your illness, no matter how long that may be.

VS



HOSPICE CARE

Hospice care is for people in the final stage of a serious illness. It begins when curative treatments are no longer effective or desired and the focus shifts completely to comfort and quality of life. To be eligible for hospice, a doctor must determine that the patient has a life expectancy of six months or less.

Click on the plus sign to learn more about the key differences between palliative and hospice care.

TREATMENT APPROACH



PALLIATIVE



Alongside curative treatment.

- Manages pain and symptoms
- Care planning and guidance
- Connects to helpful resources
- Coordinate with specialists and care team
- Office hours

HOSPICE CARE



Comfort at end of life.

- Some treatment may continue
- Manages pain and symptoms
- 24/7 support and visits for patient and family
- Emotional and spiritual care
- Alternative symptom management therapies

LOCATION OF CARE



PALLIATIVE



Provided in any care setting.

- Home or group home
- Assisted living
- Nursing facility
- Hospital or clinic

HOSPICE CARE



Provided in any care setting.

- Home or group home
- Hospice facility
- Assisted living or nursing facility
- Hospital (inpatient only)

TEAM INVOLVED



PALLIATIVE



Works in collaboration with your primary doctor and specialist to support your care.

- Physician
- Nurse practitioners & RNs
- Social workers
- Chaplains

HOSPICE CARE



Alongside your primary care physician, an interdisciplinary team provides whole-person support for the patient and caregivers at end of life.

- Physicians & nurses
- Social workers & chaplains
- Hospice aides & volunteers
- Therapists as needed

COST & COVERAGE



PALLIATIVE



- Usually covered under Medicare Part B and Medicaid (some limits)
- Often covered by private insurance
- Coverage varies by plan
- Some medications or services may have co-pays

HOSPICE CARE



- Fully covered under Medicare Part A and most Medicaid plans
- Most private insurance plans have hospice benefits that cover most related costs
- Some non-terminal-related items may not be covered

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