

PATIENT ELIGIBILITY

When medical treatment cannot provide a cure, hospice is a realistic and positive choice. VitalCaring offers services to patients with limited life expectancy, as diagnosed by the patient's physician. Each patient and family must choose hospice knowing that the patient is not being treated for a cure.

FINANCIAL COVERAGE

Medicare completely covers all hospice care expenses for those who qualify. Hospice is also covered by Medicaid and many private insurance companies.

BE A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

If you are looking to make a difference in people's lives, consider being a hospice volunteer. By giving your time and sharing your talents you will leave a lasting impression on a patient and family, who are facing a life limiting illness. VitalCaring invites you to use your gifts as a volunteer to help local families. To learn more on how you can help or to apply, visit our website and click on volunteer.



VitalCaring is a national leader in the home health care and hospice industry. We're serving patients throughout the Southern United States, including Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

From our base in the South, we're expanding to serve even more communities nationwide. Call us today to find out more about the markets we serve.

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HEALTHCARE IS A JOURNEY.

When a loved one has experienced an advanced or life-limiting illness, hospice care is often the right next step in the healthcare journey. Our hospice team is specially trained to provide the physical, mental, and spiritual support to patients and their families. Our focus is to ensure our patients achieve the best possible quality of life with dignity, peace and comfort during the last stages of life.



HOSPICE SERVICES

DELIVERING COMPASSIONATE, COMPREHENSIVE CARE

VitalCaring's hospice services provide much-needed support during an emotionally challenging time. Hospice services may include skilled nursing care for pain and symptom management, as well as nonclinical assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing and grooming. Hospice can help with obtaining and setting up medical equipment, supplies, and medication. Other services – including spiritual and emotional support, companionship, and assistance with light housekeeping – can make all the difference.

HOSPICE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- + Skilled nursing care with on-call service 24/7 and 365 days a year
- + Expert management of pain and other distressing symptoms
- + Setup of in-home care settings
- + Emotional and spiritual support
- + Assistance with activities of daily living
- + Companionship
- + Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and dietary support
- + Comprehensive bereavement support for families

CARING THROUGH TEAMWORK

VitalCaring's interdisciplinary team of clinicians and other healthcare professionals works closely together to coordinate care and services and provide guidance and support. Our team approach consists of the patient's physician, medical director, registered nurse, certified nursing assistant, social worker, chaplain, bereavement counseling, and volunteer services. This specially trained team meets with patients and their family members to determine goals and plan of care, designed to help the patient to live as fully as possible while remaining comfortable at home surrounded by their loved ones. Our team is committed to ensuring hospice services are implemented in an environment of compliance, quality and excellence.

THE DIFFERENCE IN HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Home health is designed for patients who are recovering from an illness or surgery, managing an acute or chronic condition, or adjusting to a new diagnosis with the goal of returning to an independent lifestyle. When a patient experiences an advanced or life-limiting illness, hospice care is often the next step in the healthcare journey. Hospice care helps the patient live as fully and comfortably as possible. By offering this support and solace in the comfort of the patient's home, our team can extend their care to the patients' loved ones as well.



WHEN IS IT TIME TO TALK ABOUT HOSPICE?

People are sometimes surprised to learn that hospice can support patients and their families for many months. It may be time for hospice care if you notice that you or your loved one is exhibiting these symptoms.

- + Frequent Hospitalization
- + Increased Assistance with Daily Activities
- + Decreased Energy
- + Weight Loss or Decreased Appetite
- + Multiple or Recurring Infections
- + End of Life Symptoms

Participating in a hospice program early can comfort you and your entire family. Our team can provide you and your family with the understanding, mental, physical and spiritual support needed to face the days ahead.