

Our Mission

CaringEdge is dedicated to promoting quality of life by addressing the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of our patients and their families. We understand that each patient and family is unique. We are guided by the belief that providing the highest quality of patient care with dignity, compassion and respect for each person is the most important activity of the organization.

We feel that we should help every patient facing end of life decisions to be free of pain and in a safe, compassionate environment. These choices allow patients to spend their final days with dignity and comfort and surrounded by their loved ones.

Medicare Quick Facts

Medicare Part A covers hospice care IF you/your loved one meet ALL of these conditions:

- Your hospice doctor and your primary doctor (if you have one) certify that you're terminally ill – ONLY these two individuals can make this certification
- You accept palliative care for comfort rather than care to cure your illness
- You sign a statement choosing hospice care instead of other Medicare-covered treatments for your terminal illness and related conditions

Your costs in traditional Medicare*:

- \$0 for hospice care
- You may need to pay a copay of no more than \$5 for each prescription drug and other similar products for pain relief and symptom control while you're at home
- You may need to pay 5% of the Medicare-approved amount for inpatient respite (temporary) care provide in a hospital, hospice inpatient facility or nursing home
- Medicare does not cover room & board when you receive hospice care in your home or another facility where you live (like an Edgewood community or a nursing home)

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Our family caring for yours.

Hospice Care



Patient services are provided without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability (mental or physical), communicable disease or place of national origin.

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Hospice - It's Not a Place, but a Philosophy of Care & Quality of Life

It can be uncomfortable to simply talk about getting older and the health concerns that sometimes accompany the aging process, no one wants to admit it's happening to them, so the idea of you or a loved one facing a life-limiting illness often seems taboo to even discuss. The CaringEdge Hospice team is proud to offer a transparent program that's working to take the stigma out of end-of-life care and instead talk openly about what we're all here to do: enable you or your loved one to be alert and pain-free, living each day as fully as possible and reaffirming life. We're focused on comfort, support and quality of life rather than a cure. CaringEdge hospice services are delivered in your home, whether that's a private residence or your apartment at one of our Edgewood communities AND your Medicare can cover the cost.*

Hospice involves a team-oriented approach, including expert medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support tailored to each resident's needs and wishes. Support is provided to the resident's loved ones as well. At the center of CaringEdge's hospice services is the belief that each of us has the right to pass pain-free, with dignity and that our families will receive the necessary support to allow us to do so.

Your CaringEdge Team:

- **Medical Director** - *A physician that directs and approves the plan of care, including pain & symptom management expertise.*
- **Skilled Nursing** - *Provides pain & symptom management & nursing care. Nurses available 24/7.*
- **Social Worker** - *Provides emotional support, counseling & if there are financial needs, helps the family access community services.*
- **Hospice Aide** - *Assists with patient's personal care & companionship.*



- **Chaplain** - *Offers spiritual support & assistance with memorial & funeral arrangements.*
- **Volunteer** - *Assists with non-medical services such as running errands, light housekeeping & companionship.*

Volunteering

Volunteering within our organization is an opportunity to enrich your life and touch the lives of others at a critically intimate time in life's journey. Our primary focus is to bring care, comfort and compassion to patients and their families.