



Reflection

Who is Eligible?

Hospice welcomes any patient with a qualifying hospice diagnosis under medicare guidelines.

Affinis Hospice can provide patients with all levels of hospice care, these include:

- **Home care:** The patient's personalized team works together to provide for the needs of the patient within the comfort of their own home. Our hospice team is on-call 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.
- **Respite care:** For families that may need to take time off from caring for their loved one at home, patients can be transferred to an Affinis Hospice Center for short-term care on an interim basis.
- **Continuous care:** Around-the-clock care provided by our hospice team in a patient's home during times of elevated discomfort for patient.
- **In-patient care:** Care provided to the patient in one of Affinis' qualified centers or a contracted healthcare organization.

Frequently Asked Question

Who pays for hospice care?

Affinis Hospice is a not-for-profit organization offering comfort and dignity to patients and their families. Hospice care is a covered benefit under many private health insurance plans, and is covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Affinis accepts patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Can the patient continue to use their current attending physician?

Patients may choose any physician to oversee their medical needs. Physicians support of the Hospice program is essential in the care of the patients we serve.

Must the patient enter a hospice center, or can they live in their own home during their final days?

Affinis Hospice attends to patients both in hospice centers and at their own home. If the patient prefers to reside at home, an interdisciplinary team from their geographic area will be appointed to coordinate the patient's care.

Does the patient have to sign a living will or a DNR (do-not-resuscitate) order to enter hospice care?

No. Patients do not have to sign a living will or a DNR to enter hospice care. At Affinis Hospice, our fundamental philosophy centers around comfort care.