



The Benefit of Hospice

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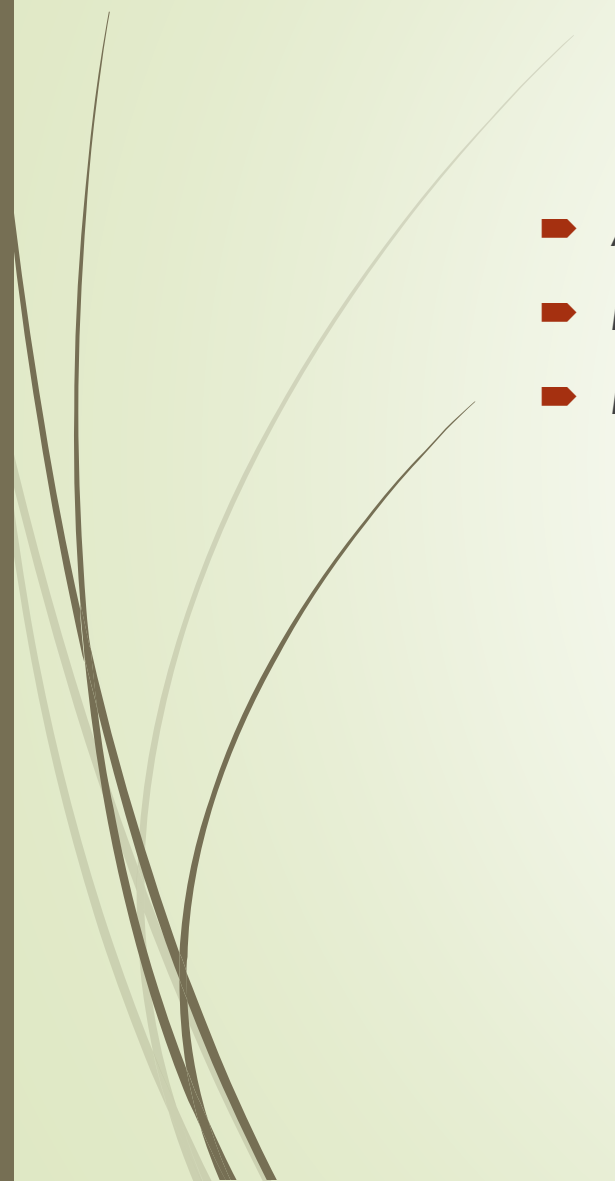
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Who does Hospice serve?

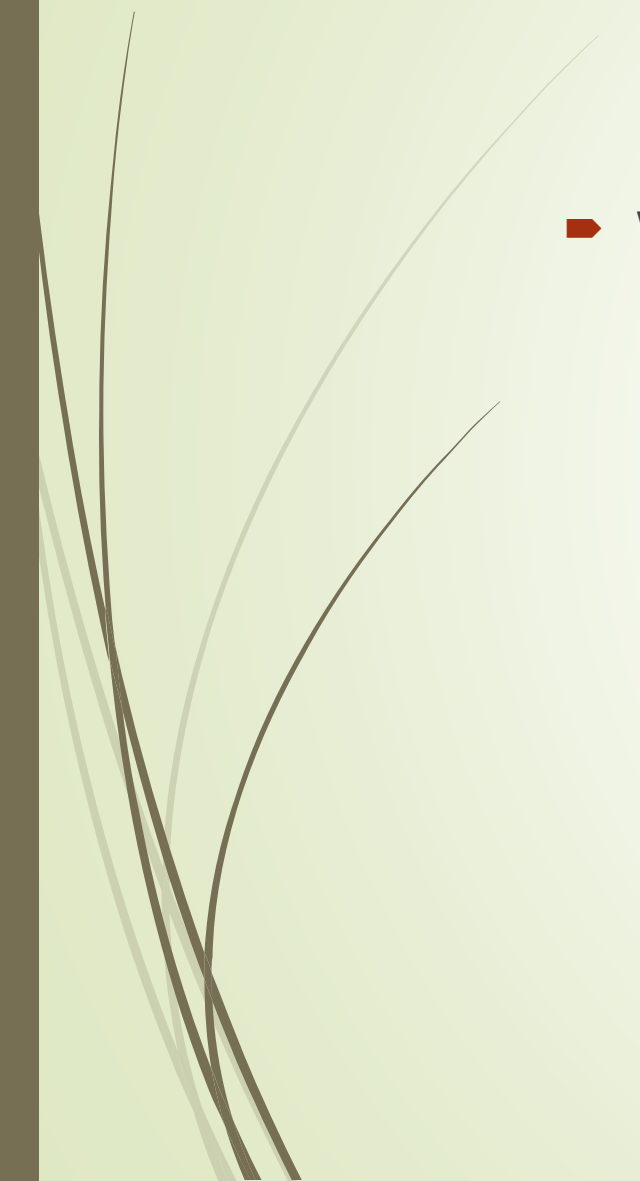
- ▶ Anyone with a life-limiting illness, with a prognosis of 6 months or less
 - ▶ Must elect a course of palliative care
 - ▶ Must not conflict with other benefits, such as dialysis
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Is Hospice a place?



What do you think?





What services are covered by hospice?

- The Hospice team
 - Levels of care
 - Medications, durable medical equipment
 - Private attendings and specialists
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Hospice versus Home Health

Hospice

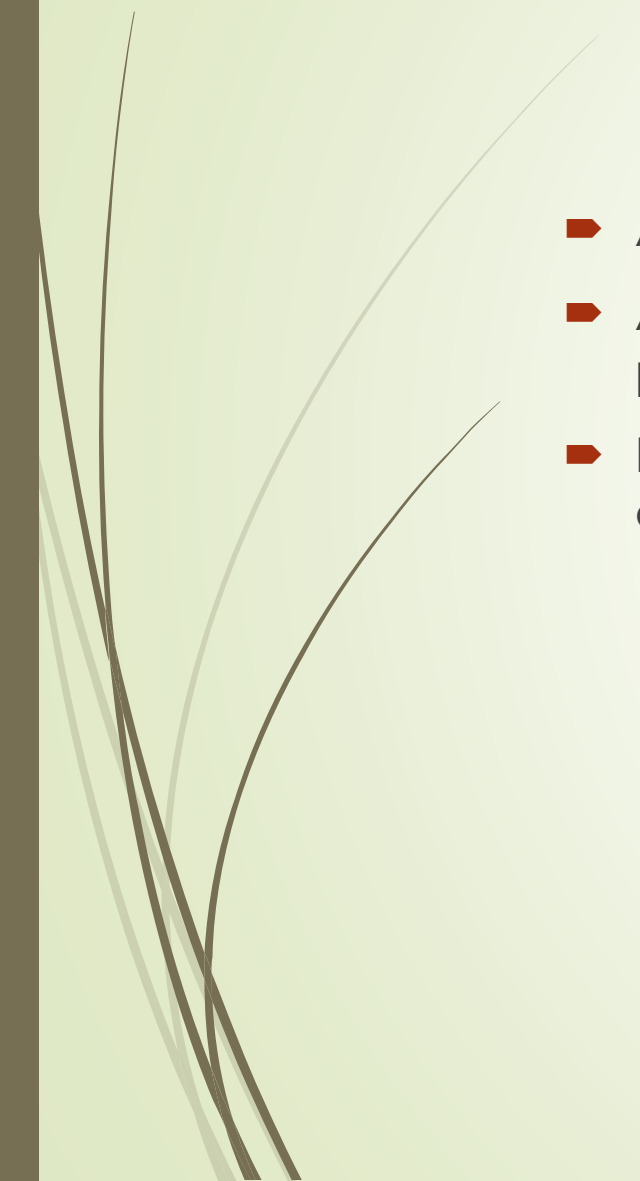
- Experts in EOL symptom management
- Homebound status not required
- Utilizes a complete team
- Hospice-related medications & most Hospice-related durable medical equipment is covered
- Regularly scheduled nursing visits
- Hospice inpatient and continuous home care available
- Under direction of personal and hospice physician

Home Health

- Limited 'team' involvement
- Therapy limited to rehabilitation
- Medical supplies 80% covered by Medicare
- Equipment rental 80% covered by Medicare
- Medications coverage is variable
- Continuous nursing not covered
- Under the direction of personal physician

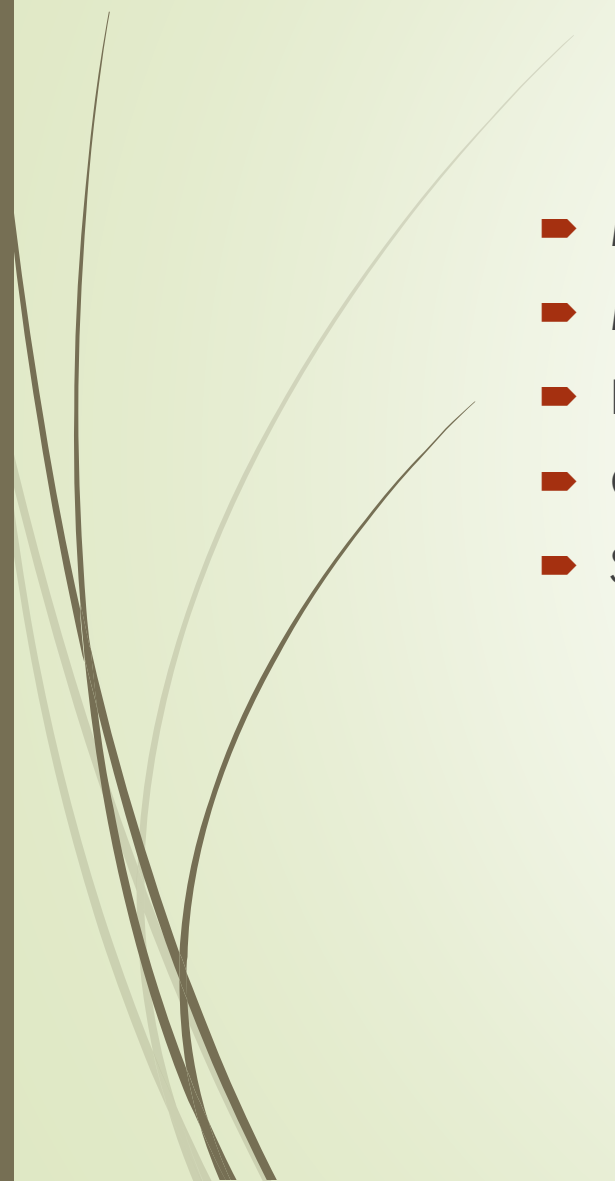


How does one access Hospice

- ▶ Anyone can request a hospice evaluation and information
 - ▶ A physician will certify eligibility for hospice if they believe there's a limited prognosis
 - ▶ Hospices provide a holistic team approach to care with a focus on quality of life and patient/family goals
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Who pays for Hospice?

- Medicare
 - Medicaid
 - Private and employer sponsored insurance
 - Charitable giving
 - Self pay
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Choosing a Hospice

- ▶ Interview hospices, asking about:
 - ✓ Number of certified staff
 - ✓ After hours staffing
 - ✓ Visit frequency
 - ✓ Volunteer services
 - ✓ Pharmacy services
 - ✓ Levels of care: home, inpatient, crisis
 - ✓ Accreditation
 - ✓ Aftercare/bereavement
- ▶ Recommendations from others