



# Hospice Care in Nursing Facilities

For those with a life-limiting illness, Hospice of the Piedmont provides the care and treatment necessary for physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being, wherever you call home – including a nursing home, continuing care retirement community, rest home, or assisted living residence.

When curative treatments are no longer effective, Hospice of the Piedmont can provide help, comfort, and support. Studies show that patients who receive Hospice care generally live longer and more comfortably than those who do not. The goal of Hospice care is to make the patient feel more comfortable, more at peace, and more in control.



Our specialized team of professionals is devoted to the needs of terminally-ill patients and their families, and we work in partnership with the facility staff and medical directors. Hospice interdisciplinary teams include:

- *The Hospice medical director, who is a physician*
- *Registered nurses*
- *Nursing assistants*
- *Medical social workers*
- *Other professionals as needed, such as therapists or nutritionists*
- *Chaplains, as desired*
- *Trained volunteers, if requested.*



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Specially-trained registered nurses make regular visits to assess the patient's medical and physical condition, and on-call staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nursing assistants provide personal care to the patient, as desired, including assistance with bathing, grooming, and other tasks. Arrangements are made for medical equipment, supplies, and medications needed by the patient.

At many Triad area nursing facilities, this special team from Hospice of the Piedmont is available to partner with caregivers to ensure that eligible residents have the appropriate hospice and palliative care services:

- *pain control*
- *symptom management*
- *emotional and spiritual support for patients and their families*
- *additional monitoring to complement nursing facility care*
- *advocates for honoring patient wishes.*

Referrals may be initiated by residents themselves, their families, or the facility staff. Patients' primary care physicians must agree that they are appropriate for hospice care before services can be initiated.

Hospice services are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance coverage. With generous community support, no one is turned away or denied optimal care by Hospice of the Piedmont because of financial resources. For more information or to make a referral, please contact Hospice of the Piedmont at 336.889.8446.



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