



Hospice ...it's about *living.*

*"We were blessed to have received your care.
We could not have coped without you."*





"We will forever be grateful for the care you gave Dad. You helped him by keeping him comfortable.

You also helped us so our hearts weren't so heavy and we were at peace when he gave his last breath.

Thank you with love and gratitude."

**The Family
of Eddie C.**

Partners In Home Care has been providing quality home care services to patients and families throughout Western Montana since 1987, and is the only non-profit home health care organization in Missoula.

Hospice Care

Partners In Home Care Hospice is a home-based program offering support to patients and families who are dealing with life-limiting illness. Hospice support enables families to share their remaining time together with dignity. Our team-based approach includes expert pain and symptom management along with emotional and spiritual support. The Partners In Home Care Hospice team will help you and your family focus on living. We tailor your care plan to your unique needs and those of your loved ones and caregivers.

Common Questions

If I enter hospice will I still receive medical care?

Yes. The focus changes from curative treatment to Comfort Care. Comfort Care focuses on symptom management and relief from the pain and stress of a serious illness. We use our team's expertise to optimize your comfort, not only physically, but mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Can I keep my personal doctor?

Yes. Our staff coordinates your care with your physician. Our Medical Director is available 24/7 to support you and your physician.

Where will my hospice care be provided?

Your care will be provided wherever you call home. This can include nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, hospice houses or other long-term care facilities.

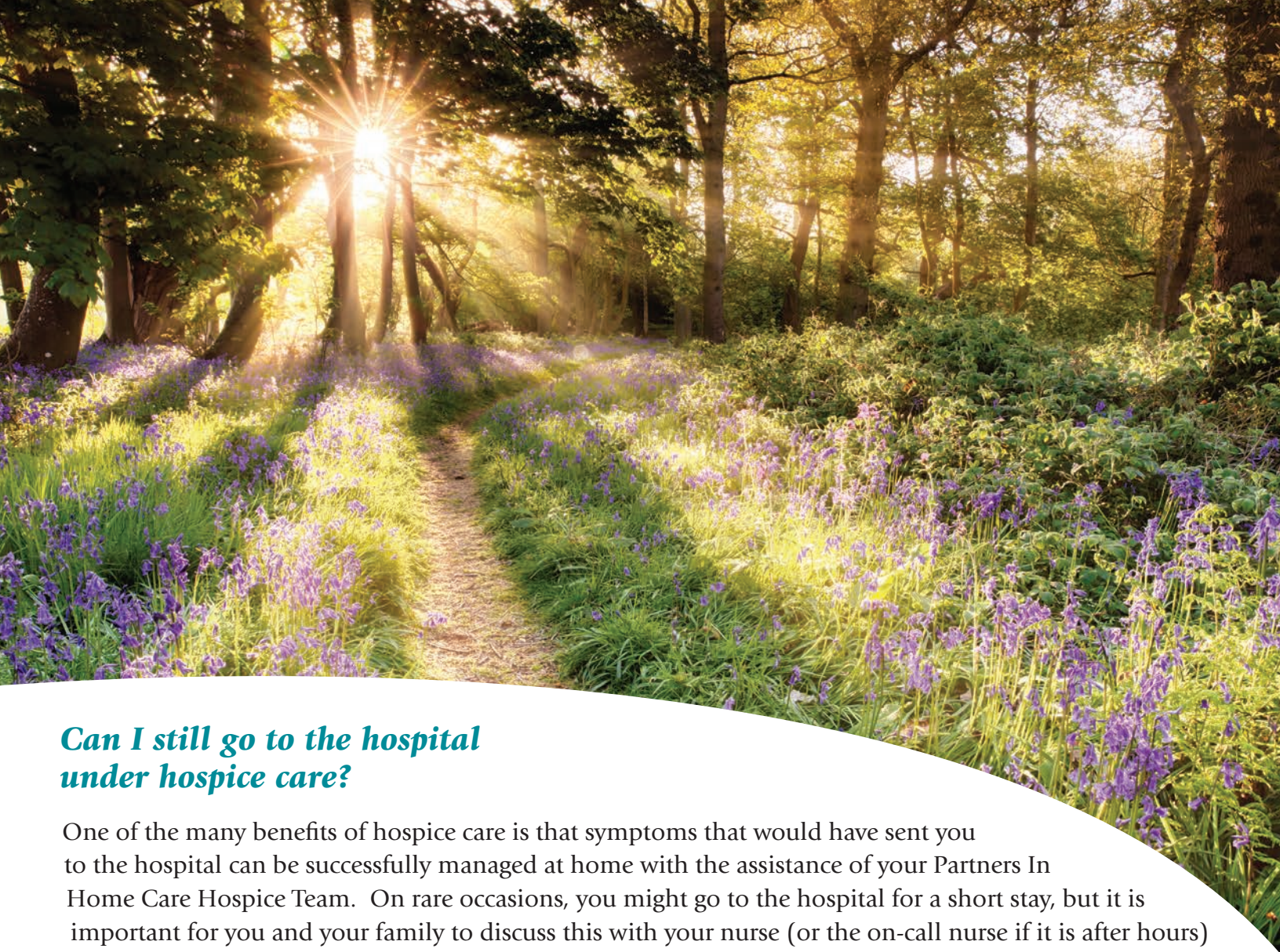
Does hospice provide 24-hour in-home care?

No, but hospice does provide a skilled care provider for you and your family with whom you can speak 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can request a visit whenever the need for physical, spiritual or emotional support arises by calling (406) 728-8848. During business hours one of your Partners In Home Care Hospice team members will return your call. If your call is after hours, the on-call nurse will contact you and make a visit as needed.



*"Partners in Home Care
Hospice brought my
Mother incredible dignity
in her final days and
immense comfort to us
as we navigated
unchartered waters."*





Can I still go to the hospital under hospice care?

One of the many benefits of hospice care is that symptoms that would have sent you to the hospital can be successfully managed at home with the assistance of your Partners In Home Care Hospice Team. On rare occasions, you might go to the hospital for a short stay, but it is important for you and your family to discuss this with your nurse (or the on-call nurse if it is after hours) prior to going to the hospital.

If I choose hospice, am I giving up hope?

No. Choosing hospice is an expression of hope that the end-of-life can be a meaningful experience for you and your family. Hospice care focuses on comfort, peace of mind, and the achievement of your goals and dreams.

When should I consider calling Partners In Home Care?

Whenever you have questions about end-of-life care. Hospice care is appropriate when your physician believes that you have six months or less to live if your disease follows its normal progression. Even if you are not ready to be admitted we welcome the opportunity to review your care goals. Our focus is your quality of life. When your care needs are being met, you and your family are better able to focus on the things that matter most to you.

What if I live longer than six months or improve?

Determining how long a person will live is extremely difficult. As long as hospice care remains appropriate for your needs, you will remain on our hospice program. If your condition improves, the Partners In Home Care Hospice team will talk with you and your family about other alternatives. We will assist you with the transition in advance of discharging you from hospice services.

Is there help for my family and loved ones after my death?

Partners In Home Care Hospice offers bereavement services for your family members and loved ones. Some of the team members who had the privilege of caring for you will offer support. A trained grief counselor will make additional contacts and visits if desired by your family. We welcome families and caregivers to participate in grief groups and workshops. A monthly newsletter about grief will be mailed and available online to family and loved ones for a year after your death. Our trained staff can make referrals to other grief professionals when appropriate.

Families will be invited to our Tree of Life service in December. It is a time of remembrance and celebration to honor the memory of loved ones.

Who pays for hospice care?

Medicare and Medicaid offer 100% hospice coverage that takes care of the expenses associated with your plan of care. This includes medications, staff visits and home medical equipment delivered and setup by trained technicians. If you have private insurance or VA, there may also be benefits for hospice care. Our staff will explore your coverage options and review information with you at no charge. Concern about costs should not prevent you from utilizing hospice care.



"Having Partners In Home Care Hospice in our home was wonderful. They had everything we needed, medical equipment and pharmacy support to resolve pain issues. Working with one company made everything easy. Thank you all for your time and being there when I needed you all the most."

C. Caton





Who will be on my Partners In Home Care Hospice Team?

Primary Physician

Your primary physician will provide our Partners In Home Care Hospice team with your medical history and help direct your medical care. Through collaboration with our Medical Director, an individualized care plan will be developed for you.

Hospice Medical Director

Our Medical Director is Carla Davis, MD. Dr. Davis has a Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She has been the Medical Director for Partners In Home Care for over twenty-five years. Dr. Davis provides expertise in pain and symptom control at the end of life and works closely with your primary physician and the Partners In Home Care Hospice Team. She oversees your plan of care and consults with the Team for appropriate medical interventions regarding disease progression. Dr. Davis makes home visits on an as-needed basis.

Pharmacist

Our staff Pharmacist, with 25 years of experience in hospice, consults with your physician and the Team regarding what medications are best to manage your pain and symptoms. The Pharmacist is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help with any questions you may have, and to help the on-call nurse if needed.

Skilled Nursing

Registered Nurses work closely with your physician to provide pain and symptom management. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to changing needs and concerns.

Social Worker

Social Workers provide emotional support, counseling, and assistance with community resources to meet your care needs.

Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies

The primary role of these therapies is to help your family and caregivers support your daily living activities with your safety in mind.



Spiritual Care

The Partners In Home Care Spiritual Care Team can provide you and your family with counseling to address questions of hope, meaning, despair, fear of death, and forgiveness. They can assist you and your family in sustaining your religious/spiritual practices, beliefs and traditions, and can serve as a liaison with your faith community. They will ensure that your beliefs and practices are respected by the Hospice Team. Team members are available to conduct funeral and memorial services.

Certified Nursing Aid (CNA)

Your needs are individually assessed and assistance is provided as outlined in your plan of care. Your CNA can provide such services as bathing, dressing, light housekeeping, and a variety of other care needs.

Complementary Therapies

These therapies are used with other traditional therapies to relieve pain and improve your quality of life. Massage, music therapy, and aromatherapy are available.

Volunteers

Volunteers lend a helping hand with daily tasks, offer a listening ear, or provide companionship and a friendly smile. These dedicated individuals live in the communities we serve and want to contribute to others in a meaningful way. Volunteers receive comprehensive orientation and training, as well as ongoing support and supervision.

Grief Counseling & Bereavement

Grief counselors are available to caregivers and their families after hospice services. The death of a loved one can be one of the most challenging experiences in an individual's life. We know that grieving is a healthy and normal response to loss, and that support through the bereavement process can help individuals, families, and communities heal. The hospice benefit provides bereavement care to families and loved ones in the year following a patient's death. Additionally, bereavement services to the community, including counseling and support, are provided at no cost.

*For more information about hospice care visit the
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's
website: www.nhpco.org*

***For further assistance or
more information about
Partners In Home Care Hospice***

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For over twenty-five years Partners In Home Care Hospice staff and volunteers have provided the highest level of physical, spiritual and emotional care to patients and their families.



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