

St. Cloud Hospital Home Care & Hospice Comparison of Services

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| Home Health Care | Palliative Care | Hospice |
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| Goal: Self-management and independence for patients and families. | Goal: Advanced illness, regardless of whether they choose to receive <i>curative or comfort care</i> . | Goal: Comfort and improvement of quality of life through a peaceful death. |
| Must be homebound for Medicare reimbursement. | Must be homebound for Medicare reimbursement. | Not required to be homebound for Medicare reimbursement. |
| May be receiving TPN, dialysis, transfusions, tube feedings, chemotherapy or radiation. | May be receiving TPN, dialysis, transfusions, tube feedings, chemotherapy or radiation. | Evaluated on an individual basis but generally not receiving TPN, dialysis, transfusions, tube feedings, chemotherapy or radiation. |
| Focus: A variety of illnesses | Focus: Advanced illness | Focus: Terminal illness |
| Prognosis: Good | Prognosis: Poor or guarded | Prognosis: Poor or guarded with a prognosis of six months or less. |
| Interdisciplinary team | Interdisciplinary team | Interdisciplinary team |
| Hospitalization covered by Medicare or insurance. | Hospitalization covered by Medicare or insurance. | Hospitalization covered by hospice if admission is related to terminal illness. |
| Social services, if covered | Social services | Social services |
| Telemonitoring | Telemonitoring | Telemonitoring |
| All age groups, including pediatrics | All age groups, including pediatrics | All age groups, including pediatrics |
| | Bereavement services for one year | Bereavement services for one year |
| | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| | Chaplaincy services provided in all cases (unless declined by patient). | Chaplaincy services provided in all cases (unless declined by patient). |
| | | Complementary Therapy |
| | | Short term respite in nursing home. |
| | | Medications and equipment covered by hospice if related to terminal diagnosis. |

“Above all things, care must be taken of the patient as if they were Christ in person.” Rule of St. Benedict, Ch. 36