The Medicare Hospice Benefits

Paying for hospice care services can be a concern for many individuals and families facing end-of-life situations. However, the majority of hospice patients qualify for the Medicare Hospice Benefit, which provides coverage for all hospice services up to 100%.

Financial worries need not delay hospice care, as the Medicare Hospice Benefit comprehensively covers services related to the terminal illness, with Medicare Part A footing the bill. Other unrelated medical expenses remain under the purview of Medicare Parts A and B, subject to standard guidelines such as co-payments and deductibles.

You're eligible for the Medicare hospice benefit if you meet the following conditions:

- You are eligible for Medicare Part A (hospital insurance)
- Your prognosis is six months or less
- You choose to forgo treatments and side effects in favor of symptom management and quality of life

You may choose to stop hospice services at any time. As long as you meet the eligibility guidelines, you can return to hospice care. If you exceed the predicted life





Hospice Care Team

Haloes Touch offers a specialized team to assist you in managing terminal illness.

- Hospice physician skilled in pain and symptom management
- Nurse practitioners implementing care plan and respite care
- Hospice aides providing personal assistance
- Chaplains delivering spiritual care
- Social workers addressing emotional, financial, and social challenges
- Physical and occupational therapists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Counselors for grief and bereavement support
- A hospice physician & a nurse are available oncall 24x7 to give support & care whenever required.

Medicare Coverage

Medicare Part A covers hospice care costs related to terminal illness for hospice-eligible patients, with no deductible or copayment. For patients with Medicare Advantage, hospice is covered by original Medicare, encompassing:

- Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, medical equipment, and supplies.
- Physical & occupational therapy, speech therapy, dietary counseling.

expectancy, you may receive hospice services beyond six months at no penalty. At certain intervals, a hospice physician must meet with you to recertify that your prognosis remains six months or less.

What You Pay for Hospice Care

Medicare pays the hospice provider for your hospice care program. There's no deductible in most of the cases. You'll pay:

- No more than \$5 for each prescription drug and other similar products for pain relief and symptom control.
- 5% of the Medicare-approved amount for inpatient respite care. For example, if Medicare pays \$100 per day for inpatient respite care, you'll pay \$5 per day.
 The amount you pay for respite care can change each year.





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- Lab tests and diagnostic procedures essential for optimal care.
- Inpatient care for unmanageable pain and other severe symptoms.
- Bereavement services for the family for up to 13 months following a death.

The hospice medical team determines the care directly linked to your hospice diagnosis, while Medicare continues coverage for any health issues unrelated to the hospice diagnosis. Before scheduling new medical services or procedures, hospice patients or their families should consult their hospice team to ensure coverage.

For those covered by private or employer-provided health plans, it's advisable to verify hospice eligibility, coverage, and out-of-pocket expenses with the insurance provider.

Choosing The Best Hospice

All hospice organizations are reimbursed similarly, so they don't compete based on cost; instead, service quality sets them apart.

Here are the advantages of HALOES TOUCH over other hospices:

- Routine hospice care provided at the patient's home
- Continuous home care for up to 24 hours a day when medically necessary
- Respite care for up to 5 days in an inpatient facility to give family/caregivers a reprieve
- Full-time physicians dedicated to hospice patient care
- Direct access to clinical staff 24/7, including holidays
- Prompt response to hospice referrals or requests for evaluation

Haloes Touch hospice care respects your desire for pain relief, staying at home, and focusing on quality of life near the end of life. Our compassionate hospice solutions support your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

We're here to support you!

Contact us to determine if Haloes Touch is the right choice for you.

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