RIVER CITY HOSPICE

BENEFITS OF TIMELY HOSPICE CARE

More time. More support. More opportunity for comfort.

When a person may be eligible for hospice, starting the conversation earlier can help patients and families plan, understand options, and build a relationship with the care team—before needs become overwhelming.

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

Hospice clinicians assess symptoms such as pain, breathlessness, nausea, anxiety, restlessness, and fatigue. The team works with the patient and physician to create an individualized comfort plan and monitor changes.

FAMILY PREPARATION

Caregivers can learn what to expect, how to use medications and equipment, when to call for help, and how to support the patient. Education can reduce uncertainty and help families feel more prepared.

COORDINATED CARE

Hospice coordinates care with the attending physician, facility staff, caregivers, and other providers. Communication helps everyone understand the plan, changes in condition, and next steps.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Nursing, hospice aide services when included in the plan, social work, counseling, and practical guidance can help caregivers navigate the demands of caring for a seriously ill loved one.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Hospice focuses on comfort, dignity, personal wishes, and meaningful moments. Care is individualized around the patient's goals—not a one-size-fits-all approach.

TIME TO BUILD TRUST

Early involvement—when eligibility allows—gives patients and families time to meet the team, ask questions, and become familiar with how hospice responds and supports them.

WHAT EARLIER SUPPORT CAN MAKE POSSIBLE

MORE PREPARATION

Understand the plan, services, equipment, and what to expect as needs change.

MORE CONNECTION

Build relationships with the care team and make space for conversations with loved ones.

MORE SUPPORT

Access education, emotional support, symptom guidance, and caregiver resources.

Hospice is about the right time—not the last time. A conversation can help determine whether hospice may be appropriate.

Hospice eligibility is based on the patient's condition and physician certification; earlier timing is not guaranteed for every patient.

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