RIVER CITY HOSPICE

WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR HOSPICE?

Understanding the benefits of earlier hospice support

THE CONVERSATION CAN START BEFORE A CRISIS

Hospice is not only about the final days of life. When a patient may be eligible, talking with a hospice team earlier can give patients and families more time to understand their options, plan for changing needs, manage symptoms, and build a relationship with the care team.

WHEN MIGHT IT BE TIME TO ASK ABOUT HOSPICE?

01 DECLINING FUNCTION

Increasing weakness, fatigue, or difficulty with everyday activities.

02 FREQUENT HOSPITAL VISITS

Repeated hospitalizations, emergency visits, or changes in condition.

03 INCREASING SYMPTOM BURDEN

Pain, shortness of breath, nausea, anxiety, or other symptoms becoming harder to manage.

04 CHANGING GOALS OF CARE

A shift toward comfort, quality of life, and support rather than treatment intended to cure the terminal illness.

BENEFITS OF EARLIER HOSPICE SUPPORT

When appropriate, earlier involvement can provide more opportunity for:

MORE TIME

Build relationships with the hospice team and prepare for changes.

BETTER PREPARATION

Understand medications, equipment, services, and what to expect.

SYMPTOM SUPPORT

Address changing symptoms with an individualized comfort-focused plan.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Receive education, guidance, emotional support, and practical resources.

CARE COORDINATION

Bring the patient, family, hospice team, and other providers into the same plan.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Center care around comfort, dignity, personal goals, and meaningful time.

HOSPICE IS ABOUT THE RIGHT TIME — NOT THE EARLIEST TIME.
Eligibility is based on the patient's medical condition and physician certification. A hospice evaluation can help determine whether hospice is appropriate.

OUR COMMITMENT
Compassionate Care. Fast Response. Strong Communication. Family-Centered Support.
We are dedicated to ensuring patients and families receive the highest quality hospice experience through timely admissions, physician collaboration, education, and responsive care throughout our service area.

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