

What is Hospice?



- 01** Care for patients with a prognosis of six months or less to live
- 02** Hospice is centered with providing comfort and quality of life interventions
- 03** Care can be six months or longer with a physician certification regarding life expectancy
- 04** Patient need not be homebound
- 05** Care available in patient's home, group homes and in skilled nursing facilities
- 06** Medicare, Medi-Cal and most private insurance plans cover hospice care, medications, supplies, DME
- 07** Hospice focuses on family/caregiver support through bereavement counseling, respite care
- 08** Requires physician order
- 09** Hospice care costs less than hospital or facility care
- 10** Hospice care can be intermittent or based on continuous care
- 11** Hospice care team includes RN, LVN, CNA, Medical Social Worker, Chaplain, Hospice Aides, Volunteers, and Rehabilitation Services