

## KANSAS CITY PALLIATIVE HOME HEALTH CARE

### HOW CARE BEGINS

Care starts with a phone call from the patient's physician, a hospital staff member, a family member or the patient. Call 816-363-2600 for more information or to arrange to meet with one of our staff to learn more about how we can help you. With the agreement of the patient's physician, services can start as soon as the patient is ready.

### KANSAS CITY HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

offers the following programs in addition to Palliative Home Health Care:

- Kansas City Hospice, providing comfort and care to patients at home, assisted living or nursing homes.
- Kansas City Hospice House, an inpatient facility offering expert care 24 hours a day in a homelike setting.
- Kansas City Palliative Medicine and Clinic, physicians specializing in comfort care and symptom management.
- Passages, counseling and resources.
- Carousel, pediatric hospice, palliative care and perinatal care.
- Solace House, counseling for grieving children and their families.

**Kansas City Palliative Home Health Care**  
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*A certified home health agency in Missouri and Kansas*

*Palliative Home Health Care is a program of Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care, a nonprofit organization that has been serving the needs of the seriously ill and their families in the Kansas City area since 1980.*

*Services are available in the greater Kansas City area in Missouri and Kansas*

*Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, handicap/disability or religious beliefs.*



**Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care**



*A unique home health program that specializes in caring for people at any stage of potentially serious illness or with declining health*



*Do you or a loved one ...*

- *Have a serious illness, such as cancer, pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS or any other chronic disease?*
- *Need additional help with pain and symptoms at home?*
- *Need support for your family, too?*

**If so, Kansas City Palliative Home Health Care can help.**

When a potentially life-threatening illness or deteriorating health causes pain or other problems, Palliative Home Health Care offers professional care and support at home to maximize comfort and quality of life. Unlike hospice care, palliative care patients and their doctors may pursue life-extending treatments while working toward a cure.

**THE PALLIATIVE HOME HEALTH CARE TEAM**

Our team provides care and education to help you and your family make the most of life. Patients and families receive help in understanding illness, symptoms, treatments and side effects as well as coping strategies and connecting to other available resources.

**What is Palliative Care?**

*Palliative care focuses on improving the quality of life for patients facing serious illness and concentrates on preventing and relieving suffering through treating pain and other symptoms and by providing holistic support.*

Team members make home visits as ordered by the patient’s physician and can provide additional visits to accommodate the patient’s needs and wishes.

Each patient has a registered nurse. Other team members who are available as needed and as covered by insurance include a social worker, home health aide, physical and occupational therapists, chaplain, lymphedema specialist, art and music therapists, and child/teen specialist.

Our specially trained physicians and advanced practice nurse are there to complement the care you are receiving from your current physician, including home visits, if needed.

**INDIVIDUALIZED CARE**

- Expert treatment of pain and other symptoms.
- Educating the patient and family on medications, the disease process, symptoms and how to conserve energy.
- Nurses available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for questions and visits.



- Emotional and spiritual support for patients and family members.
- Helping families understand the best ways they can assist the patient.
- Communicating with the patient’s physicians and other health care providers to coordinate care.
- Discussing choices for care and exploring goals of patients and their families.
- Easing transitions, such as to hospice if needed, or back to the patient’s own daily routine if services are no longer needed. Patients may go to the hospital if desired.

**PAYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY**

Homebound patients who have any potentially life-threatening diagnosis and a need for skilled care are eligible for Palliative Home Health Care. Services are funded through most Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance policies. We will help you determine what your insurance plan covers.