



Oaklawn Hospice

Oaklawn Hospice provides services in Calhoun, Branch, Eaton, Hillsdale, Jackson and St. Joseph counties.



The Oaklawn difference.

Oaklawn Hospice takes pride in our commitment to excellence through quality of care and patient satisfaction. At Oaklawn Hospice you are more than a “patient” with a “diagnosis,” you are our neighbor.



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What is Hospice?

Oaklawn Hospice provides a comprehensive healthcare program to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs of persons with life-limiting conditions as well as their families. Because Hospice is a philosophy of care and not a place, it is provided wherever the patient lives: at home, in a nursing home, or in any accommodation or shelter. Oaklawn Hospice offers care that seeks to comfort rather than cure.

Who can receive Hospice?

Any person facing the advancing stages of any terminal illness is eligible for Hospice care. In addition, anyone can refer a patient to the Hospice program. Hospice care is appropriate when the following conditions are met:

- * The physician believes that the patient may be within six months of life if the disease runs its normal course.
- * Aggressive treatments are not curing or providing relief to the patient.
- * The patient, family and physician agree and understand that the focus of Hospice patient care is on comfort not cure.

How does Hospice work?

Your doctor and the Oaklawn Hospice medical team will work with you and your family to design a plan of care to meet your individual needs. Your primary care physician will continue to be part of your medical team. Support staff who are specially trained will help you cope with your illness.

How can I afford Hospice?

Oaklawn Hospice is covered by most insurance plans. We are happy to contact your insurance company to



determine coverage. Hospice is a covered benefit under Medicare for U.S. Citizens age 65 and older, for end-of-life care. However, Hospice care is made available to *all* terminally ill patients, regardless of ability to pay, through donations made to patient care.

Our Hospice team of experts

Medical Director: Our Hospice medical director is trained in the medical management of end-of-life symptoms. The Hospice medical director assists your primary care physician to help you cope with your illness.

Registered Nurse: A registered nurse is assigned to each patient and family. Hospice clinicians are experts in pain management, symptom control and supportive care. In addition, they are uniquely qualified to address end-of-life issues with patients and their loved ones and to work as members of an interdisciplinary team. An Oaklawn Hospice nurse is on-call 24/7 to answer questions, address concerns and ensure that emergencies are taken care of appropriately.

Hospice Home Aide Service: Our highly trained Hospice aides are skilled in providing rest and comfort measures. They provide personal care based on patient and family needs.

Social Work Services: Social work services are designed to help the patient and family based on their needs. We can also assist, if necessary, in locating resources to help with finances, legal matters, patient care and other arrangements. Supportive counseling is available to both the patient and their loved ones.

Volunteer Services: Volunteers provide companionship to the patient, emotional support to family members or a few hours of caregiver relief. Volunteers also participate in other programs such as bereavement, clerical and other office functions as well as community services.

Spiritual Care Services: Our Spiritual Care Team includes our Spiritual Care Coordinator and Hospice chaplains in partnership with community clergy and laypersons. Spiritual care is offered to provide guidance and support to the patient-family unit.

Therapy Services: Therapy services are available as needed to increase comfort for the patient and family. Therapists can help alter the home to meet the changing needs of the patient and caregivers in a comforting and safe environment. Increased levels of comfort are achieved and, when possible, independence can be maintained. Therapists are also trained in specialized pain relief services.

Bereavement Services: We provide support for grieving family members and friends for at least 13 months after the death of a loved one. Services may include one-on-one consultation, support groups, workshops, and supportive literature.

