It’s never too early to learn about the benefits of hospice care. It’s not just for people in the last days of their lives. The reality is that, in many cases, hospice care can actually help people live longer. In virtually every case, hospice care brings significant comfort, peace, and dignity to patients who are fearful, vulnerable, confused, or exhausted from curative medical treatments that have failed to stop the progress of their illness.

Hospice is for people who are terminally ill and have an estimated lifespan of six months or less. Hospice is for anyone, of any age, with a life-limiting illness.

Hospice is not a building, like a hospital. When most people “enter a hospice program,” they receive care in the comfort of their own home – a house, apartment, assisted living or skilled nursing facility, or anywhere else they may reside.

Patients on hospice receive more – not less – care and support than they did before joining the program. Hospice patients stop focusing on their disease, going to the doctor, and enduring treatments. Instead, they spend their time and energy on the people, pets, and activities they love most.

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Each hospice patient and family has a team working together to make life easier and more enjoyable. A patient's hospice team can include a physician, nurse, hospice aide, social services coordinator, spiritual care coordinator, bereavement specialist, and trained volunteers. Some hospices, including Avow, provide complementary therapists specializing in music therapy, Reiki, massage therapy, and other treatments.

Hospice care supplements but does not replace the care provided by families, friends, adult living facility staff, or other full-time caregivers. Hospice nurses visit every 14 days, or more frequently if the patient's condition requires it. Members of a hospice team are also available by phone or at patients' homes around the clock to answer questions or help with an emergency.

Medicare eligible patients are entitled to hospice benefits through Medicare Part A.

Non-Profit Hospices like Avow provide services regardless of patients’ ability to pay for care.

If you know someone who could benefit from hospice care, contact an Avow care team member to request a complementary consultation.

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