

## ***We work together.***

***When your residents elect hospice care, they continue to receive the care your staff is currently providing. Our hospice team and your facility staff form a partnership. Working together, the hospice team will supplement the care your facility provides, helping both the resident and your staff. Together, we collaborate with your staff to coordinate the resident's plan of care.***

## **Who Provides Care in the Nursing Home?**

Hospice interdisciplinary team members specialize in end-of-life care and visit based on the residents individualized plan of care. You may expect to have any member of the hospice team providing care to the resident, including physicians, hospice aides, nurses, chaplains, social workers, counselors and volunteers. These team members play a critical role in helping the resident and your team address emotional, spiritual, physical and ethical concerns.

- Hospice is responsible for the professional management of the terminal illness
- Nurses provide expertise in pain and symptom management
- Hospice physicians are available to the attending physician as a resource
- Chaplains provide spiritual support unique to each resident including on-site religious services
- Social workers or counselors provide support for each resident, family and your team

- Hospice aides supplement the personal care provided by the facility staff
- Trained volunteers are available to offer the gift of their time
- Dieticians and therapists are available as identified in the resident's plan of care

## **How Does Hospice Help?**

- Provides hospice residents with medications, supplies and equipment related to their hospice diagnosis as identified in their plan of care
- When appropriate to the hospice plan of care, residents can receive on-site therapies
- Your hospice team provides supplemental care and an entire network of support for the resident, the family and your team, including psychosocial, medical, emotional, and spiritual care
- Hospice residents and their families can benefit from advance care planning
- Hospice can provide educational programs for your team
- Support for the family and your team at the time of and following a resident's death

# Benefits of Hospice

Intensive pain and symptom management which eliminates or reduces unnecessary hospitalizations/ ER visits, enabling your residents to remain in your facility

Hospice team members with expertise in meeting the more complicated end-of-life needs of your residents, resulting in your staff being able to focus on other residents

24/7 after hours support and visits of hospice staff to assist in times of need

Hospice team members who are committed to coordinating the plan of care with your staff to support your regulatory requirements

Specialized hospice team members to communicate with and support families whether near or far which allows your social worker to focus on other families

***You play an important role in providing end-of-life care choices for your residents.***

