

BENEFITS TO REFERRING YOUR PATIENT TO COMMUNITY HOSPICE OF TEXAS EARLIER

- 1** *Intensive pain and symptom management which eliminates or reduces unnecessary hospitalizations/ER visits*
- 2** *Medications, DME and supplies are provided at 100% when related to terminal diagnosis, making the patient more compliant to their treatment plan*
- 3** *Medication refills are ordered by hospice, which means you and your staff will receive less calls and have more time for other patients*
- 4** *Family support and education relieves caregiver stress and exhaustion which decreases demands on your time*
- 5** *Ability to benefit from a full range of programs and services, including 24-hour access to care, psychosocial programs, volunteer services and grief counseling during illness and up to 13 months after patient's death.*
- 6** *When the patient and family receive symptom control and emotional spiritual support, their quality of life improves as does their satisfaction with all of their medical providers*

NHPCO stresses its concern over the increase in short lengths of service and strongly recommends that physicians, patients, and families learn about and discuss end-of-life care options before a health crisis occurs.

Community Healthcare of Texas wants to partner with you to provide complete care to your patients and families. Community Healthcare of Texas has been a leader in providing care for over 25 years. Community Healthcare of Texas provides expert medical care for patients coping with a terminal illness plus emotional and spiritual support for the patient and entire family. The sooner you contact Community Healthcare of Texas the more support we can give your patients. Ask for us by name.

Counties We Serve:

Bell, Bosque, Collin, Coryell, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Leon, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Navarro, Parker, Robertson, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise.

Office Locations/Referrals:

Fort Worth: 817.870.2795 • 800.226.0373

Dallas: 214.920.8450 • 800.275.9393

Cleburne: 817.556.3100 • 800.544.9899

Waco: 800.625.9328

Mexia: 866.279.4728

Inpatient Care Locations:

Burleson:

Community Healthcare of Texas at Texas Health Huguley
301 Medpark Circle, Burleson, TX 76028
817.615.2150 • 877.689.6889

Waco:

Providence Hospice Place
In Providence Park - St. Catherine's Center
300 Highway 6, 2nd Fl, Waco, TX 76712
254.537.4699

Central Intake/Referral Line

800.958.4942



REFER BEFORE A CRISIS

WHY SHOULD I REFER EARLIER?

1 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2002)

2 Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research (2004)

You, your patient and the family will benefit from an earlier referral to hospice. The patient and family will benefit more from hospice services if they are not referred during a crisis. The unique medical, psychosocial and spiritual support provided by Community Healthcare of Texas can assist patients and families as they navigate through all the difficult decisions that need to be made.

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

WHY SHOULD I REFER EARLIER AND BEFORE A CRISIS OCCURS?

Studies have shown that 85% of Americans want to die at home and yet 50% of Americans die in the hospital. If you wait to refer the patient until they are hospitalized, the likelihood that the patient will not die at home is increased.

Patients and families who are coping with a life-limiting illness have practical issues to deal with:

- Business decisions
- Advance care planning
- Estates and wills
- Funeral arrangements, etc.

They also need time to have meaningful conversations and relationships with loved ones. The psychosocial and spiritual support provided by hospice can be a valuable resource for the patient and the family.

Your goal for your patients is to relieve suffering and assist them to live life to its fullest. An earlier referral to hospice means that specialized pain and symptom management can begin earlier, not only managing current symptoms but also preventing others that may occur. You are ensuring optimal quality of life.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) *2020 Facts and Figures Hospice Care in America* report found that the median length of stay for hospice care was only 18 days even though six months of care can be covered by Medicare; and more if medically necessary. At the same time, family evaluations of hospice care remain high and often include comments like "I wish we had known about hospice sooner." An earlier referral to hospice makes life easier for you, the patient and the family.