

HOSPICE CARE

 End-of-Life Support for you and your family 

Hospice Care is:

- + A special way of being cared for **as you wish** at the end of your life.
- + It can be given in a:
 - home
 - hospice center
 - hospital
 - nursing home
- + Hospice care helps you and your:
 - family members
 - loved ones
 - caregivers
- + A hospice care team may be made up of:
 - your doctor
 - hospice doctor or provider
 - nurses
 - social workers
 - care managers
 - chaplain
 - volunteers
 - other health care workers

What can Hospice Care do for me and my family?

- + Hospice care helps to keep you comfortable so you can live well during the time you have left.
- + It can also:
 - Ease your pain and other signs of your illness
 - Help you to get the medical supplies you need
 - Give you and your family support to cope with feelings
 - Talk to you about your beliefs and faith
 - Help you with forms that give you more control of your life. These are called "Advanced Directives."
 - Reach out to volunteers to help you with chores and other needs
 - Make sure your care plan is right for you

Is this the right **time** for Hospice Care?

- + Do you have an illness that cannot be cured?
- + Does your doctor think you have less than 6 months to live?
- + Has the care (treatment) for your illness become too much for you?
- + Is comfort the most important part of your care?
- + Do you want to be at home for the rest of your time?

**If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions,
ask your doctor about Hospice Care or call:**