



# RIVERCROSS HOSPICE

SERVICES FOR THE MIND, BODY & SPIRIT™

## HOSPICE REFERENCE GUIDE

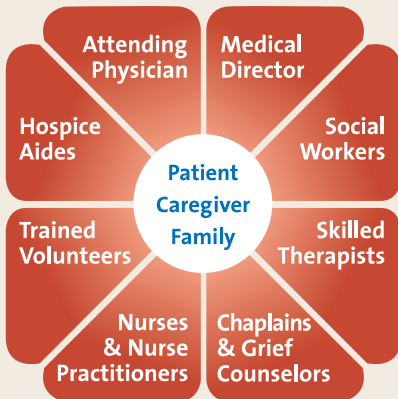
### Who Is Eligible For Hospice?

The Hospice Benefit is available to anyone with a life expectancy of six months or less if the terminal illness or disease runs its normal course.

#### Hospice appropriate individuals may exhibit some or all of the following:

- Frequent hospitalizations
- Progressive weight loss
- Deteriorating mental abilities
- Recurrent infections
- Specific decline in condition

#### ) RIVERCROSS HOSPICE CARE TEAM (



*Rivercross has a unique Rapid Response Team that is easily accessible and provides immediate care for patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

### How to Refer

- 1: Call Rivercross Hospice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the number listed on the back.
- 2: Our hospice team contacts all responsible parties to coordinate the family consultation and/or the patient assessments.
- 3: Our admission team consults, evaluates and initiates care, if appropriate and keeps you informed at all times.

# HOSPICE DIAGNOSES INDICATORS\*

## Neurological (CVA, Parkinsons, ALS)

- Unable to ambulate alone
- ADL assistance required
- Limited speech
- Increased weakness
- Incontinent of bowel or bladder
- Weight loss

## Renal Disease

- No longer receiving dialysis
- Confusion, obtundation
- Intractable nausea and vomiting
- Intractable fluid overload

## Cardiac

- Shortness of breath with exertion
- Ejection fraction 20% or less
- Recurrent symptoms of CHF
- Activity intolerance
- Poor response to maximum medical management with diuretics and vasodilators

## HIV

- Weight loss
- Decreased ability to care for self
- Chronic persistent diarrhea
- Changes in lab values

## Dementia/ Alzheimer's

- Non-ambulatory
- Incontinent of bowel or bladder
- Recent hospital visits
- Recurrent infections
- ADL assistance required
- Lack meaningful verbal communication
- Weight loss

## Adult Failure to Thrive

- Nutritional impairment/Weight loss
- ADL assistance required
- Increased Physician/ER visits
- Other co-morbidities

## COPD/Lung Disease

- Hx of frequent ER visits, respiratory failure or infections
- Shortness of breath at rest
- Oxygen dependent
- Poor response to bronchodilators

## Liver Disease

- Diagnosis of liver disease
- Abnormal liver enzymes
- Jaundice
- Ascites

*\* Indicators for receiving a hospice evaluation. Eligibility criteria will be applied during evaluation for hospice admission.*

## Hospice Levels of Care

- Routine Home Care
- Respite Care
- General Inpatient Care
- Continuous Care

*Rivercross Hospice offers dignified living at the end of life.*

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