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Hospice Care

Hospice care provides health care services and support for people with life-threatening illness and their families. When a resident develops a terminal medical condition, hospice care provides quality, expert, cost-effective and specialized care.

If a resident at Golden Orchard develops a terminal medical condition, hospice care can be provided. In most situations, the resident is able to stay at Golden Orchard and a move to senior care center is not needed. Customarily, Golden Orchard staff recommends several hospices in the area and the family can choose the hospice care they wish to use. The chosen hospice organization provides the care while the resident remains at Golden Orchard Assisted Living. The hospice team members – a registered nurse, social worker and chaplain – visit the resident at Golden Orchard weekly or more frequently as needed. Other members of the hospice care team – a certified nurse assistant, trained volunteers, grief counselors and others – are also available when needed.

The focus of hospice services is palliative care – the relief of pain and suffering when cure is no longer possible. Hospice care is comprehensive, specialized care for patients and families. Services and programs support the unique physical, emotional, and social needs of patients, families and friends. Hospice care also involves expert pain relief and symptom management should the need arise during certain end-stage disease processes.



Hospice care is appropriate when three conditions exist:

1. A person develops a terminal medical condition and has a prognosis defined in terms of days, weeks or months.
2. The resident or primary decision-maker chooses hospice care.
3. The patient's personal physician confirms the patient's prognosis and supports the decision for hospice care.

In nearly all cases, most physicians collaborate with the hospice staff to provide quality end-of-life care. Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance plans cover hospice services