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Hospice Care and Golden Orchard Assisted Living Homes

If a resident at Golden Orchard develops a terminal medical condition, hospice care can be provided at Golden Orchard. In most situations, the resident is able to stay at Golden Orchard; a move to another living community is not needed.

What is 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.

How is hospice care provided at Golden Orchard? Golden Orchard staff recommends several hospices in the area and the family can choose the hospice 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 team – a certified nurse assistant, trained volunteers, grief counselors and others – are also available when needed.

What is the focus of hospice care?

The focus of hospice services is palliative care – the relief of pain and suffering when cure is no longer possible.

How is hospice care beneficial?

Hospice is comprehensive, specialized care for patients and families. Services and programs support the unique physical, emotional, spiritual 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.

Who is an appropriate patient for hospice?

Hospice is appropriate when three conditions arise: 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.

Can a person still keep his/her own doctor and still be in a hospice program?

Yes. Most physicians collaborate with the hospice staff to provide quality end-of-life care.

Who pays for hospice care?

Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurance plans cover hospice services.

This information about hospice care has been provided by Denver Hospice, experts in palliative and hospice care for over 25 years. For more specific questions or concerns regarding hospice care, please feel free to contact Denver Hospice at 303-321-2828.