

HOSPICE

HRSA Description (2-1-2016)

Hospice Services are end-of-life care services provided to clients in the terminal stage of an HIV-related illness. Allowable services are:

- Mental health counseling
- Nursing care
- Palliative therapeutics
- Physician services
- Room and Board

Key Service Components

Services may be provided in a home or other residential setting, including a non-acute care section of a hospital that has been designated and staffed to provide hospice services. This service category does not extend to skilled nursing facilities or nursing homes.

To meet the need for hospice services, a physician must certify that a patient is terminally ill and has a defined life expectancy of 6 months or less. Counseling services provided in the context of hospice care must be consistent with the definition of mental health counseling. Palliative therapies must be consistent with those covered by the Maryland Medicaid Hospice Program.

These services include:

- Nursing care;
- Medical social services;
- Physicians' services;
- Counseling services;
- Home health aide;
- Medical appliances and supplies, including drugs and biologicals; and
- Physical and occupational therapy

Qualifications

Competencies, Knowledge and Skills	Evaluation/Documentation
Services are provided by licensed medical and mental health professionals, as required by State and Local laws.	A copy of the current license must be available upon request. Demonstrated competencies, knowledge and skills must be available upon request (e.g. participation in training, formal supervisory review, direct observation, case review, etc.)