

## Who Stays at the Hospice House?

To stay at the Hospice House, individuals must qualify to be on hospice. The criteria for hospice care are:

- Terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less. *Would the doctor be surprised if this patient died in the next six months?*
- No longer seeking aggressive care to treat the disease. *Does this patient wish to try a curative treatment? Does this patient wish to be placed on life-sustaining treatment?*

Admissions to the Hospice House are based on acuity and need. Admission must be approved by both:

- Hospice Supervisor
- Hospice Medical Director

The Hospice House can provide three “levels” of care to people who qualify for hospice care. Priority for admission will be given to those who need Hospice House Care the most—those who need Acute Care. You will be notified if your medical condition requires your level of care to change (for example from General Inpatient Care to Residential Care).

Type of Care	Who is it for?	Time Limit	How is it funded?
<b>General Inpatient Care</b>	<p>People who are terminally ill and whose pain and symptoms are so severe their only alternative would be hospital admission.</p> <p>People who are terminally ill and on their way home following hospital discharge. These patients may stay in the residence prior to admission to Hospice of the Hills as a home hospice care patient.</p>	As long as medically necessary.	Billed to Medicare, Medicaid or other insurer as general inpatient care.
<b>Respite</b>	Home hospice patients whose caregivers need relief.	1-5 days	Billed to Medicare, Title 19, or other insurer as respite care.
<b>Residential</b>	Patients who wish to live at the Hospice House and receive residential care.	As long as the person continues to be eligible for hospice care.	<p>Billed to Medicare or other insurer as routine home care (for the clinical services).</p> <p>There are room and board charges billed to the patient for this level of care.</p>