



Comparison of Hospice and Palliative Care

Hospice Home Care	Palliative Home Health Care
Holistic care (physician, nurse, social worker, chaplain, volunteers, grief and loss support)	Holistic care (physician, nurse, social worker, chaplain)
All ancillary services included as fiscal responsibility of hospice. No co-pays or deductibles	Ancillary services coordinated by palliative care, but the financial responsibility rests with the patient and his/her insurer
Goal of care: pain and symptom management; improve quality of life and function; seeks neither to prolong nor hasten death	Goal of care: pain and symptom management; quality of life; prolong number of days
Homebound status is not required	Must be homebound
Forego life-prolonging treatments	Continue life-prolonging treatments
Life expectancy less than 6 months if disease runs normal course	Life expectancy less than one year
Terminal illness/end-stage disease	Terminal illness/end-stage disease