



Bridge Palliative Home Health Service

REFERRAL LINE: 303.604.5272

Eligibility Criteria: Primary life-limiting illness
12 month life expectancy or less
Homebound per Medicare definition
Deteriorating medical condition at risk for needing symptom management
Recent emergency department or hospital stay, or at risk for such
Consent to emphasis on care in the home setting

Exclusion Criteria: Receiving a hospice benefit
Nursing home resident
Requires more care than can be provided in the home

REFERRAL PROCESS

How to Refer: Call 303.604.5272 to refer a patient or to request an optional visit from a HospiceCare palliative care physician to determine patient appropriateness

Purpose of Service: To address symptoms related to physical, emotional, spiritual concerns
To decrease need for emergency department visits or hospitalization
To explore and document goals of care
To educate patient and family re: disease process, preventative care, medication management, and crisis management in home
To anticipate changes in condition and have appropriate plan in place
To help seriously ill patients transition to hospice program of choice if appropriate

Site of Service: Home

Who Delivers Care: Interdisciplinary Team (physician, nurse, nursing assistant, social worker, chaplain) provides home visits for pain and symptom management and helps with planning for the end of life
Team collaborates with primary physician

Ideal referral: Patient who is strongly symptomatic related to primary illness
Patient who is homebound per Medicare definition
Recent emergency department visit or hospitalization
Care provider available
Increasing burden vs. benefit of treatments

Length of Service: Until stabilization, admission to hospice, or death occurs