

Covered Benefit: Hospice Services

CMP Published: Yes No

CPG Published: Yes No

Definition: Hospice is end of life care that includes the following services; physician / nurse practitioner; skilled nursing, rehabilitative, social worker, chaplain and certified nursing assistant services provided in the home setting, inpatient hospice facility, skilled nursing facility (SNF), or hospital. Also included in the hospice benefit are durable medical equipment (DME) and medications related to the terminal illness or care, bereavement care, and respite care.

Hospice services are to be provided under the direction of a Neighborhood physician who certifies that the patient is in the terminal stages of illness and appropriate for hospice care.

Palliative care consists of continued, active, preventive, medical treatment with skilled nursing services and home health aide visits for patients with acute or chronic progressive illnesses. This is not part of the hospice benefit.

Benefit Packages: RItE Care, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Substitute Care, Rhody Health Partners (RHP), and Rhody Health Options Phase One, and ACA Adult Expansion (RHE).

Coverage Limitations:

- Hospice services are covered per CMS guidelines.
- Hospice services are an “All Inclusive” service package that requires prior authorization. Separate authorizations are not required for the included services.
- Hospice services as ordered by a plan physician are covered.
- Hospice services for RItE Care, Children with Special Needs and Substitute Care members are covered when provided in the home, hospice facility, SNF, or inpatient hospital.
- Neighborhood will authorize the first thirty (30) days of hospice care for RHP and RHEmembers when delivered in a nursing home setting. Starting on the thirty first day, Medical Assistance fee for service will reimburse the hospice care and the room and board.
- Neighborhood will pay the room and board for Rhody Health Options Phase One members residing in a nursing home receiving hospice services. Medicare will pay for the skilled hospice services associated with the hospice stay.
- Respite care for Rite Care, Substitute Care, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Rhody Health Partners and ACA Adult Expansion must occur in an inpatient setting and

cannot exceed a 5 day admission. For details regarding respite care for RHO Phase One members refer to the Benefit Coverage Summary for Long Term Services and Supports.

Exclusions:

- Treatments or services unrelated to the terminal illness are not covered as part of the hospice benefit. Such services may be covered per the member's benefit package.
- Extended Family Planning (EFP) members have a restricted benefit package which does not include hospice services.
- Room and board for long-term hospice care not covered for Rhody Health Partners (RHP) and ACA Adult Expansion members (RHE).

Coverage Includes:

- The hospice benefit coverage aligns with CMS guidelines.
- Hospice services in the home, individual hospice facility, skilled nursing facility and respite services are covered as part of the hospice benefit.

Table: 1 Configuration: Hospice Services

Description	ICD-9 Diagnosis Codes	ICD-9 Procedure Codes	CPT Code	HCPCS	Comments
Hospice Care Inpatient				"Q5003" to "Q5007" , "Q5009" , "T2044" , "T2045" , "T2046"	Respite Care for RItE Care, Rhody health Partners, and ACA Adult Expansion is covered as part of the hospice benefit with code T2044. Respite coverage for Rhody Health Options Phase One is part of Long Term Services and Supports benefit coverage summary.
Hospice Care Outpatient				"Q5001" to "Q5002" , "Q5009" , "S9125" , "S9126" , "T1005" , "T2042" , "T2043"	Respite coverage for Rhody Health Options Phase One is part of Long Term Services and Supports benefit coverage summary. Respite LTSS benefit includes codes S9125 and T1005. See Long Term Services and Supports for coverage details.

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